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& 63rd (R.N.) DIVISION

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PREFACE

This Part concludes the Orders of Battle of the ninety British Divisions which were in existence during the Great War of 1914-1918.

Orders of Battle for the fifteen regular British divisions were given in Part 1 of this series. Parts 2-A and 2-B contained the Orders of Battle of five mounted divisions, fourteen 1st-line and fourteen 2nd-line Territorial Force divisions, as well as three home-service divisions (71st-73rd), and the 74th and 75th Divisions (formed in Egypt). Part 3-A gave the Orders of Battle of the eighteen New Army divisions (9th–26th), which formed the First, Second, and Third New Armies.

The present Part (3-B) contains the Orders of Battle of nineteen divisions: twelve New Army divisions (30th–41st), which formed the new Fourth and Fifth New Armies, the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, and in Appendices 1 A–1 F the Orders of Battle of the six divisions (30th–35th) which formed the original Fourth New Army and were broken up with it in April 1915 (Appendix II).

The series will be concluded with a volume dealing with G.H.Q.s, Armies, and Corps.

The nineteen divisions in this Part were all war-time formations, not a single one was in existence at the outbreak of the Great War. During the War thirteen of these divisions served and fought on the Western Front, in Gallipoli, in Egypt, in Macedonia, and in Italy.

Of the twelve divisions (30th–41st) of the new Fourth and Fifth New Armies only two had a distinguishing territorial title, in addition to the number allotted to the division. The other ten New Army divisions, as well as the six divisions of the original Fourth New Army (Appendices 1 A–1 F), received numbers alone, like regular divisions of the original B.E.F. The Royal Naval Division did not have a number (63rd) allotted to it until July 1916; it then retained its original designation as a sub-title.

No unit or formation of the divisions included in this Part kept a war diary before embarkation orders arrived. In only a few cases have divisional routine orders been preserved. The absence of official records has made uphill-work of the reconstruction of the troubles and difficulties experienced by these new formations in the early days of their existence. It is necessary, however, to stress once more the shortage of clothing, equipment, and arms, and the lack of sufficient trained instructors, which nearly every unit had to face from the day of its formation. In some cases the deficiencies were not made up until a short time before the final preparation began for active service abroad. For trained instructors the divisions of the Fourth and Fifth New Armies had to rely chiefly on officers and n.c.o.'s who had been wounded in the earlier fighting and had since recovered sufficiently to report for duty. Considering the general unpreparedness of the country for participation in a great war, it is remarkable that all the twelve New Army divisions (30th–41st) were able to leave England between July 1915 and June 1916.

In the Royal Naval Division the lack of trained instructors was naturally not so marked, nor could the men be regarded as recruits. It is well-known that this division embarked in September and October 1914 to take part in the Antwerp Operations, and also participated in the whole of the Gallipoli Campaign. Nevertheless in October 1914 the unsuitability for field operations of the clothing of the naval ratings, and the late issue to them of up-to-date rifles, together with their deficiencies of essential equipment (water-bottles, haversacks, etc.), as well as the

entire lack of machine guns and artillery, and the insufficient means of intercommunication, in the Division, must all be remembered when considering the participation of this Division in the Antwerp operations.

As far as they exist, routine orders, divisional histories, regimental histories, and private accounts have been used in the compilation of each divisional narrative to bring out the difficulties which each division had to face and surmount in its early training before embarkation. From embarkation onwards the war diaries provide the principal source of information.

As this is the concluding part of this series of divisional orders of battle, it seems appropriate to point out that, at the moment, divisional histories exist for only forty-one of the ninety divisions; for the nineteen divisions contained in this Part only seven divisional histories have appeared. It seems unlikely that this number of divisional histories will be increased in the near future; some divisions—home-service ones for instance—will probably never have their histories written. The need, therefore, is apparent for some short but comprehensive account of the divisions, which will give at least the commanders and staffs, the changing organization of formations and units, and the engagements in which the divisions took part. In this way the essential and important details will be placed on record and made available for reference; the share of each division in the long struggle and the final triumph can also be appreciated.

The divisional field artillery of the Fourth and Fifth New Armies at first consisted of four 4-battery brigades, three being 18-pdr. brigades and the other a 4.5-inch howitzer brigade; each battery was a 4-gun or 4-howitzer battery. On arrival in France the organization of these divisional artilleries conformed to that of the first three New Armies which had preceded them overseas—actually this organization was the seventh different field artillery establishment to appear on the Western Front. But during 1916 a uniform divisional artillery establishment was secured for the Western Front—by the introduction of mixed brigades of 18-pdrs. and 4.5-inch howitzers. The 6-gun 18-pdr. battery was adopted as soon as possible, and in January 1917 4.5-inch howitzer batteries were also increased to 6 pieces each. At the same time divisional artilleries were reduced to two (mixed) field artillery brigades, that is from sixty-four pieces (1916) to forty-eight. From January 1917 until the end of the Great War all the British divisions serving on the Western Front had identical artillery establishments.

The Royal Naval Division on coming to France, in 1916, received its divisional artillery—transferred from the 63rd (2nd Northumbrian) Division (a 2nd-line Territorial Force Home Service division which had just been broken up). Thereafter this divisional artillery conformed to the organization of a divisional artillery on the Western Front.

The numerous and sometimes complicated reorganizations of the field artillery brigades and batteries are given in the notes to the various tables.

As in previous parts of this series, the lists of Commanders and Staff Officers do not show temporary changes due to absences on short leave, at short courses, or at schools of instruction.

In the Divisional Tables each considerable change in composition is shown. In any case the organization of the division is given for each year, and at one or more important periods in its history.

In the lists of Battles and Engagements occasional deviations have been made from the *Report of the Battles Nomenclature Committee* (published in 1921), in order to include actions of which a division has reason to be proud. In every case, after the battle in which a division fought, the Corps and Army in which the division served at the time is given in square brackets. If a division did not happen to be engaged during a whole year in some specific action, then only the year is shown, but this signifies that the division was on active service in the field during this period.

In the lists, the words "Action" and "Affair" have been omitted and only the date and name of these engagements are given.* The periods when the divisional artillery, engineers, and pioneers were left in the line, after the relief of a division, are not shown.

Neither the attachments of Army field artillery brigades** to a division, nor the attachment of R.G.A. brigades, are shown in the General Notes to the Tables. All other attachments are given either in the Tables or in the General Notes. In order that the Tables shall be as clear as possible, the numerous notes are printed on the page following each Table.

The battle casualties of the division, as recorded in its war diaries, are given at the conclusion of each divisional narrative. To Mr. H. A. Cordery my grateful thanks are due for his labours in extracting these figures.

Appendix 1 gives the formation and story of the (original) Fourth New Army; and *Appendices 1A–1F* give the orders of battle of the six divisions which composed this New Army.

Appendix 2 is a table showing the numbering of the Divisions and Infantry Brigades of the original Fourth and Fifth New Armies, and the renumbering which came into force as a result of the breaking-up of the original Fourth New Army in April 1915.

Appendix 3 consists of two tables:

3A gives the Divisions already in existence in Great Britain and Ireland in August 1914, and those which were raised during 1914–1918;

3B shows where the ninety divisions, furnished by Great Britain and Ireland, served during the Great War. No fewer than sixty-nine of the ninety divisions served in one or more of the six principal theatres of operations.

Appendix 4 gives the Order of Battle of the (temporary) Composite Division, formed in Gallipoli in May 1915.

Appendix 5 is Marshal Foch's message to the people of Northern Ireland, issued in November 1928.

Corrigenda to Parts 1, 2-A, 2-B, and 3-A are also issued with this Part.

Each divisional story was submitted for comment to the General Officer who commanded the division at the end of the Great War; in addition, copies were sent to any officer who had served for a long period with the division. I am very grateful to all the divisional commanders and other officers who have assisted in checking and correcting these tables and for providing additional information. I am glad to record my gratitude for the considerable assistance which I have received both from the War Office Library and from "R" (Records), War Office. Without the help of the latter I should have been unable to recover many of the dates.

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*The Action of Tieghem, 31st October, 1918, would appear as "31 October, Tieghem."
**Formed in France early in 1917, after the final reorganization of the divisional artilleries.

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LIST OF ABREVIATIONS

NOTE.—For the period of the Great War the titles of regiments have been taken from the 1914-1918 Army Lists.

A.

(A.-A.)...	(Anti-Aircraft).
A.-A.& Q.-M.-G.	Assistant-Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General.
A.C.C.	Army Cyclist Corps (Home Service).
A.& S.H.	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.
A.F.A. Bde. ...	Army Field Artillery Brigade.
A.H.Q.	Army Head-Quarters.
Amb. or Ambce.	Ambulance.
Ammn. Coln. ...	Ammunition Column.
Ammn. Park ...	Ammunition Park.
Anzac	Australian & New Zealand Army Corps.
A.R.O.	Army Routine Order.
Arty.	Artillery.
A.S.C.	Army Service Corps.
A.T.	Army Troops.
A.T. Carts ...	Army Transport Carts.
Aus.	Australian.
Aux.	Auxiliary.

B.

B.A.C.	Brigade Ammunition Column.
Bde.	Brigade.
Bedf.	Bedfordshire Regiment.
Bedf. Yeo. ...	Bedfordshire Yeomanry.
B.E.F.	British Expeditionary Force.
Berks.	Berkshire.
B.F.T.	British Forces in Turkey.
B.-G., R.A. ...	Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Artillery.
B.-G., R.H.A. ...	Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Horse Artillery.
B.L.	Breech-loader.
B.L.C.	B.L. Converted.
Bn.	Battalion.
Bord.	Border Regiment.
Br.-Gen.	Brigadier-General.
Bty.	Battery.
Bucks.	Buckinghamshire.
Buffs	Buffs (East Kent Regiment).
B.W.	Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).
B.W.I.	British West Indies Regiment

C.

Camb.	Cambridgeshire Regiment.
Cam. H.	Cameron Highlanders.
Cav.	Cavalry.
C.B.	Cavalry Brigade.
C.C.S.	Casualty Clearing Station.
cd.	command.
C.D.M.T. Coy ...	Cavalry Divisional Mechanical Transport Company.
Cdn.	Canadian.
C.F.A.	Combined Field Ambulance.
C.G.	Coldstream Guards.
Ches.	Cheshire Regiment.
C.I.	Central India.
Col.-Cdt.	Colonel-Commandant.
Comp.	Composite.
Conn. Rang. ...	Connaught Rangers.
Co.	County.
Coy.	Company.
Cos.	Companies.
C.R.E.	Commanding Royal Engineers.
C.R.H.A.	Commanding Royal Horse Artillery.

D.

d.	died.
D.A.	Divisional Artillery.
D.A.C.	Divisional Ammunition Column.
D.C.L.I.	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
D.E. Coy.	Divisional Employment Company.
Detnt.	Detachment.
Devon.	Devonshire Regiment.
D.G.	Dragoon Guards.
Dgns.	Dragoons.
Disembkd.... ...	Disembarked.
Disembkn.... ...	Disembarkation.
Div.	Division.
Divnl.	Divisional.
D.L.I.	Durham Light Infantry.
D.M.C.	Desert Mounted Corps.
D. of L. Own Yeo.	Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry.
d. of w.	died of wounds.
Dorset.	Dorsetshire Regiment.
D.P.	Drill-pattern.
Duke's	Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

E.

E.	East; or Eastern.
E.E.F.	Egyptian Expeditionary Force.
E. Lanc.	East Lancashire Regiment.
Embkd.	Embarked.
Emplnt. or ... / Emplynt.	Employment.
Eng.	Engineers.
Entg. Bn.	Entrenching Battalion.
Essex	Essex Regiment.
E. Surr.	East Surrey Regiment.
evacd.	evacuated.
E. York	East Yorkshire Regiment.

F.

Fd.	Field.

G.

(G.)	(Graduated Battalion).
Garr. Gd.	Garrison Guard Battalion.
G. B. or ... ... / Garr. Bn.	Garrison Battalion.
Gds.	Guards.
G.G.	Grenadier Guards.
G.H.Q.	General Head-Quarters.
Glam.	Glamorganshire.
Glouc.	Gloucestershire Regiment.
G.O.C....	General Officer Commanding.
Gord. H.	Gordon Highlanders.
Gr. How.	Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).
G.S.O.1.	General Staff Officer (1st Grade).

H.

(H.)	(Howitzer).
H.A.C.	Honourable Artillery Company.
H.A.G.	Heavy Artillery Group.
Hants.	Hampshire Regiment.
H.A.R....	Heavy Artillery Reserve.
H.B.	Heavy Battery.

H.—*continued.*

H.D. Trps.	Home Defence Troops.
Hereford.	Herefordshire.
Herts.	Hertfordshire Regiment.
H.L.I.	Highland Light Infantry.
Home Cties.	Home Counties.
Househd.	Household.
How. Bde.	Howitzer Brigade.
How. Bty.	Howitzer Battery.
H.Q.	Head-Quarters.
Hsrs.	Hussars.
H.T.	Horse Transport.
H.T.M.B.	Heavy Trench Mortar Battery.
Hy. Bde.	Heavy Brigade.
H.B., or Hy. Bty.	Heavy Battery.
Hy. Bty. A.C.	Heavy Battery Ammunition Column.

I.

I.G.	Irish Guards.
Ind.	Indian.
Inf.	Infantry.
Ir.	Irish.
It.	Italian.

K.

k. or kd.	Killed.
K.E. Horse	King Edward's Horse.
K.G.O.	King George's Own.
King's	King's (Liverpool Regiment).
K.O.	King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment).
K.O.S.B.	King's Own Scottish Borderers.
K.O.Y.L.I.	King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry).
K.R.R.C.	King's Royal Rifle Corps.
K.S.L.I.	King's (Shropshire Light Infantry).

L.

Lcrs.	Lancers.
Leic.	Leicestershire Regiment.
Leic. Yeo.	Leicestershire Yeomanry.
Leins.	Leinster Regiment.
L.F.	Lancashire Fusiliers.
L.G.	Life Guards.
L.I.	Light Infantry.
Linc.	Lincolnshire Regiment.
L.N.L.	Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
L. of C.	Line of Communications.
Lond.	London Regiment.
L.R.B.	London Rifle Brigade.
L.S.	London Scottish.
L.Sec.	Left Section.

M.

Manch.	Manchester Regiment.
Mar.	Marine.
Med.	Medium.
M.E.F.	Mediterranean Expeditionary Force [Gallipoli].
M.G.C.	Machine-Gun Corps.
M.G. Coy.	Machine-Gun Company.
M.G. Sec.	Machine-Gun Section.
M.G. Sqdn.	Machine-Gun Squadron.
M.I.	Mounted Infantry.
Middx.	Middlesex Regiment.
Midld.	Midland.
Mk.	Mark.
M.M.G.	Motor Machine Gun.
Mobn.	Mobilization.
Mob. Vety. Sec.	Mobile Veterinary Section.
Mon. or Monmth.	Monmouthshire Regiment.

M—*continued.*

Montgom.	Montgomeryshire.
M.T.	Mechanical Transport.
Mtd.	Mounted.
Mtn.	Mountain.

N.

N.	North; or Northern.
Newfdld.	Newfoundland.
N.F.	Northumberland Fusiliers.
N. Irish H.	North Irish Horse.
N.M. Fd. Coy.	North Midland Field Company.
Norf.	Norfolk Regiment.
Northants. Yeo.	Northamptonshire Yeomanry.
Northbn.	Northumbrian.
Northd.	Northumberland.
Northn.	Northamptonshire Regiment.
N. Som.	North Somerset.
N. Staff.	North Staffordshire Regiment.
N.S.W.	New South Wales.
N.Z. & A.	New Zealand and Australian.

O.

O. & B.L.I.	Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
Offrs.	Officers.
O.R.	Other ranks.

P.

(P.)	(Pioneers).
P.E.	Peace Establishment.
Pemb.	Pembrokeshire.
P.P.C.L.I.	Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.
P.O. Rif.	Post Office Rifles.
Provl.	Provisional.
P.W.O.	Prince of Wales's Own.

Q.

Q.O.O. Hsrs.	Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars.
Q.O.R.R. Staff. Yeo.	Queen's Own Royal Regiment, Staffordshire Yeomanry.
Q.O.R.W.K.	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).
Queen's	Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment).
Q.V. Rif.	Queen Victoria's Rifles.
Q.W. Rif.	Queen's Westminster Rifles.

R.

R.	Royal.
R.A.F.	Royal Air Force.
R.A.S.C.	Royal Army Service Corps.
R.B.	Rifle Brigade.
R. Berks.	Royal Berkshire Regiment.
R. Cdn. H.A.	Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.
R.D.F.	Royal Dublin Fusiliers.
R.E.	Royal Engineers.
Regt.	Regiment.
R.F.	Royal Fusiliers.
R.F.A.	Royal Field Artillery.
Rfts.	Reinforcements.
R.G.A.	Royal Garrison Artillery.
R. Guern. L.I.	Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.
R.H.A.	Royal Horse Artillery.
R.H.G.	Royal Horse Guards.
Rld.	Riding.
R. Innis. F.	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
R. Ir. F.	Royal Irish Fusiliers.
R. Irish Regt.	Royal Irish Regiment.
R. Ir. Rif.	Royal Irish Rifles.
R.M.A.	Royal Marine Artillery.
R.M.F.	Royal Munster Fusiliers.
R.M.L.I.	Royal Marine Light Infantry.

R.—*continued.*

R.N.A.C.D. ...	Royal Naval Armoured Car Division.
R.N.D....	Royal Naval Division.
R. Scots	Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment).
R. Sec.	Right Section.
R.S.F.	Royal Scots Fusiliers.
R. Suss.	Royal Sussex Regiment.
R.W.	Royal Warrant.
R. War.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
R.W.F.	Royal Welsh Fusiliers.
R.W.K.	Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

S.

S.	South; or Southern.
S.A. or S. Afr.	South African.
S.A.A. Sec. ...	Small-Arm-Ammunition Section.
S.B.	Siege Battery.
S.B.A.C.	Siege Battery Ammunition Column.
Sco. Rif.	The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles).
Sea. H.	Seaforth Highlanders.
Sec. or Secn. ...	Section.
S.G.	Scots Guards.
Sher. For. ...	Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment).
Sig.	Signal.
S. Irish H. ..	South Irish Horse.
S. Lanc.	South Lancashire Regiment.
S. & M.	Sappers and Miners.
S.M. Fd. Coy. ...	South Midland Field Company.
Som. L.I.	Somerset Light Infantry.
Sqdn.	Squadron.

S—*continued.*

S. Staff.	South Staffordshire Regiment.
Suff.	Suffolk Regiment.
S.W.B.	South Wales Borderers.

T.

T.A.	Territorial Army.
T.C.	Training Cadre.
T. & S. Coln. ...	Transport & Supply Column.
Tempy.	Temporary.
T.F.	Territorial Force.
T.M. Bty.	Trench Mortar Battery.
Trp.	Troop.

U.

U.K.	United Kingdom.

V.

Vety.	Veterinary.

W.

W.	West; or Western.
w. or wd.	wounded.
War.	Warwickshire.
W.E.	War Establishment.
Welsh	Welsh Regiment.
W.G.	Welsh Guards.
Westld. & Cumbld. Yeo	Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry.
Wilts.	Wiltshire Regiment.
Worc.	Worcestershire Regiment.
W. Rid.	West Riding.
W. York.	West Yorkshire Regiment.

Y.

Y. & L.	York & Lancaster Regiment.
Yeo.	Yeomanry.

30TH DIVISION

G.O.C.

4 May 1915	Major-General W. Fry.
13 May 1916	Br.-Gen. Hon. C. J. Sackville-West (acting).
17 May 1916	Major-General J. S. M. Shea.
30 April 1917	Major-General W. de L. Williams.

G.S.O.1.

5 May 1915	Captain G. F. Torrey (acting).
10 May 1915	Major S. W. King (acting).
23 May 1915	Major S. W. King.
5 June 1915	Lt.-Col. S. W. King.
8 Nov. 1915	Lt.-Col. W. H. F. Weber.
27 April 1917	Lt.-Col. H. R. Blore.
21 June 1918	Lt.-Col. P. Neame, V.C.
[15 Nov., 1918	Lt.-Col. W. M. Beckwith].

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

11 May 1915	Captain F. H. Harvey (acting).
21 May 1915	Captain A. E. Stanley Clarke (acting).
14 June 1915	Lt.-Col. M. F. Halford.
31 Aug. 1915	Captain A. E. Stanley Clarke (acting).
6 Sept. 1915	Major F. A. Corfield (acting).
13 Sept. 1915	Major L. Hume-Spry.
24 Sept. 1915	Lt.Col. L. Hume-Spry.
9 April 1916	Lt.-Col. A. G. Pratt.
8 Feb. 1917	Major F. A. Corfield (acting).
11 Feb. 1917	Lt.-Col. A. E. Stanley Clarke.

B.-G., R.A.

12 Feb. 1915	Br.-Gen. A. J. Abdy.
7 Nov. 1915	Br.-Gen. F. A. G. Y. Elton.
9 April 1916	Br.-Gen. G. H. A. White (sick, 31/5/17).
31 May 1917	Lt.-Col. Hon. G. F. Stanley (acting).
12 June 1917	Br.-Gen. E. H. Stevenson (tempy.).
1 Sept. 1917	Br.-Gen. G. H. A. White.
25 Feb. 1918	Lt.-Col. W. W. Jelf (acting).
24 Mar. 1918	Br.-Gen. G. H. A. White.
24 May 1918	Br.-Gen. H. A. Kay.
31 July 1918	Lt.-Col. G. Masters (acting).
3 Aug. 1918	Br.-Gen. F. W. Mackenzie (sick, 13/8/18).
13 Aug. 1918	Lt.-Col. G. Masters (acting).
11 Sept. 1918	Br.-Gen. F. F. Lambarde.

C.R.E.

9 Feb. 1915	Lt.-Col. A. E. Panet.
23 Jan. 1917	Lt.-Col. G. W. Denison.
10 Sept. 1918	Lt.-Col. P. F. Story.

89th BDE.
(originally 110th Bde.)

10 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. HON. F. C. STANLEY.
16 June '17...Br.-Gen. W. W. NORMAN.
9 Sept. '17...Br.-Gen. W. W. SEYMOUR.
25 Sept. '17...Br.-Gen. HON. F. C. STANLEY.
11 April '18...Lt.-Col. G. ROLLO (acting).
12 April '18...Br.-Gen. R. A. M. CURRIE.
27 Aug. '18...Lt.-Col. R. A. IRVINE (acting).
15 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. R. A. M. CURRIE.

90th BDE.
(originally 111th Bde.)

30 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. H. C. E. WESTROPP.
3 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. C. J. STEAVENSON (sick, 20/8/16).
20 Aug. '16...Lt.-Col. H. J. GRISEWOOD (acting).
28 Aug. '16...Lt.-Col. R. K. WALSH (acting).
2 Sept. '16...Br.-Gen. C. J. STEAVENSON (sick, 21/9/16).
21 Sept. '16...Lt.-Col. R. K. WALSH (acting).
23 Sept. '16...Lt.-Col. J. H. LLOYD (acting).
13 Oct. '16...Br.-Gen. J. H. LLOYD.
13 Nov. '17...Br.-Gen. G. A. STEVENS.
21 Feb. '18...Lt.-Col. H. S. POYNTZ (acting).
26 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. G. A. STEVENS.
11 Aug. '18...Lt.-Col. R. J. L. OGILBY (acting).
18 Aug. '18...Br.-Gen. G. A. STEVENS.

91st BDE.
(originally 126th Bde.)

1 Jan. '15...Br.-Gen. F. J. KEMPSTER.

(Bde. transferred to 7th Div. on 19/12/15).

21st BDE.

(On 19 & 20/12/15 Bde. joined from 7th Div.).
[3 Dec. '15]...Br.-Gen. HON. C. J. SACKVILLE-WEST (wd., 30/7/16).
30 July '16...Lt.-Col. W. H. YOUNG (acting).
5 Aug. '16...Br.-Gen. R. W. MORGAN.
5 Mar. '17...Lt.-Col. R. M. T. GILLSON (acting).
9 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. J. PONSONBY (sick, 17/3/17).
17 Mar. '17...Lt.-Col. R. M. T. GILLSON (acting).
20 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. G. D. GOODMAN.
6 Nov. '17...Lt.-Col. C. V. EDWARDS (acting).
6 Dec. '17...Br.-Gen. G. D. GOODMAN.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 30th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—514 (H.) Battery, R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ Hows.), see note 32.

11 (Hull) Heavy Battery, R.G.A., was raised in 1914 for the 11th (Northern) Division, but from June 1915 the Heavy Battery was attached to the 30th Division. On 14/3/16 11 Heavy Battery (5″ B.L. Hows.) disembkd. at Mombasa, returned to England on 31/1/18, and on 1/3/18 was redesignated 545 Siege Battery.

125 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4, 60-pdrs.) was raised for the 30th Div. The Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 29/4/16, joined XV Corps Hy. Arty. on 3/5/16, and XXIII Hy. Arty. Group on 20/5/16.

INFANTRY :—T.C., 2/5/Lincoln., joined 21st Bde. (from 177th Bde., 59th Div.) on 29/5/18, transferred to 90th Bde. on 15/6/18, transferred to 66th Div. on 19/6/18, and was absorbed by 5/Linc. (138th Bde., 46th Div.) on 31/7/18.

T.C., 7/Bedford., joined 21st Bde. (from 54th Bde., 18th Div.) on 26/5/18, transferred to 89th Bde. on 15/6/18, transferred to 66th Div. on 19/6/18, and was absorbed by 2/Bedf. (54th Bde., 18th Div.) on 31/7/18.

T.C., 6/Green Howards, joined 21st Bde. (from 32nd Bde., 11th Div.) on 18/5/18, transferred to 90th Bde. on 15/6/18, transferred to 66th Div. on 19/6/18; joined 75th Bde., 25th Div., on 30/6/18; and (in England) joined 236th Bde. on 9/9/18, for service in N. Russia.

T.C., 7/Sher. For., joined 21st Bde. (from 178th Bde., 59th Div.) on 29/5/18, transferred to 90th Bde. on 15/6/18, transferred to 66th Div. on 19/6/18, and to 39th Div. on 15/8/18.

T.C., 6/Wilts., joined 21st Bde. (from 58th Bde., 19th Div.) on 16/5/18, transferred to 90th Bde. on 19/5/18, transferred to 42nd Bde., 14th Div., on 15/6/18, and joined on 16/6/18.

5/R. Irish F., (formerly in 31st Bde., 10th Div.), joined 21st Bde. (from 14th Div.) on 17/6/18, transferred to 198th Bde., 66th Div., on 23/7/18, and joined 48th Bde., 16th Div., on 29/8/18.

14/A. & S. H., joined 90th Bde. (from 120th Bde., 40th Div.) on 8/4/18. Bn. was reduced to T.C. on 14/5/18, surplus went to Base and T.C. joined 21st Bde. on 15/5/18; T.C. rejoined 90th Bde. on 19/5/18, was transferred to 42nd Bde., 14th Div., on 15/6/18, and joined on 16/6/18.

MACHINE-GUN UNIT :—19th Motor-Machine-Gun Battery joined Div. on 10/2/16, and Bty. was transferred to 18th Div. on 6/6/16.

OTHER UNITS :—70th Sanitary Section joined Div. in England, and disembarked at le Havre on 10/11/15. On 2/4/17 the Section left the Div. and took over No. 9 Sanitary Area, VII Corps.

30th Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop arrived at Rouen on 9/11/15, left Rouen on 13/11/15, and joined Div. at Ailly le Haut Clocher on 14/11/15. By 7/4/16 the Workshop ceased to be a separate unit and it was merged in 30th Div. A.S.C. workshops.

On 20/2/18 the reorganization of the 30th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 8/3/18 the pioneer battalion (11/S. Lanc.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

21st Composite Bde. (21st Bde. H.Q., 2/Bedf. (with 2 Cos. 2/Wilts.), 2/Gr. How., 16/Manch. (with 2 Cos. 17/Manch.), and 202nd Fd. Coy., R.E.), under Br.-Gen. G. D. Goodman, was formed on 19/4/18 and served for the remainder of the Battles of the Lys under the 21st Div., XXII Corps, Second Army. On 27/4/18 the 21st Comp. Bde. was withdrawn from the line, returned to the 30th Div., and was broken up on 1/5/18. 89th Bde. and 21st Bde., with fighting personnel of 90th Bde., were then formed into one Brigade—30th Composite Bde.—and placed under the command of the Brigadier of the 89th Bde. (see below).

30th Composite Bde., under Br.-Gen. R. A. M. Currie, was formed on 2/5/18 and was composed as follows :—

17/King's (with all available fighting men of 18/ and 19/King's),
2/Bedf. (with all available fighting men of 2/Wilts.),
2/Gr. How. (with all available fighting men of 16/ and 17/Manch.),
together with 202nd Fd. Coy. R.E., C. Coy., No. 30 Bn. M.G.C., and No. 4 Coy. 30th Div. Train.

On 2/5/18 the 30th Comp. Bde. was attached to 49th Div., XXII Corps, Second Army; and from the night of 5/6/5—9/5/18 the Composite Bde. (under 33rd Division) held part of the XXII Corps Front Line, south of Ypres. On 11/5/18 the Composite Bde. left XXII Corps; the 30th Composite Bde. was then broken up and the units returned to their own formations.

30TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 May (England)	89th[2].....	17 King's,[3] 18/King's[3], 19/King's,[3] 20/King's[3]	D Sqdn.,[7] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 30th Div. Cyclist Coy.[8]	CXLVIII[9].....	A, B, C, D	CXLVIII B.A.C.	...	...	30th D.A.C.[10]	200th[11] 201st[11] 202nd[11]	30th[12]	11/S. Lanc.[13] (P.)	...	96th[14] 97th[14] 98th[14]	40th	...	30th[15]
	90th[2].....	16/Manch.,[4] 17/Manch.,[4] 18/Manch.,[4] 19/Manch.[4]		CXLIX[9].....	A, B, C, D	CXLIX B.A.C.											
	91st[2].....	20/Manch.,[5] 21/Manch.,[5] 22/Manch.,[5] 24/Manch.[5]		CL[9].....	A, B, C, D	CL B.A.C.											
				CLI (H.)[9].....	A (H), B (H), C (H.), D (H.)	CLI (H.) B.A.C.											
1915 December (France)	89th	17/King's, 18/King's,[17] 19/King's, 20/King's	D Sqdn.,[19] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 30th Div. Cyclist Coy.[20]	CXLVIII[21]	A, B, C, D	CXLVIII B.A.C.	...	...	30th D.A.C.	200th 201st 202nd	30th	11/S. Lanc. (P.)	...	96th 97th 98th	40th	...	30th[15]
	90th	16/Manch., 17/Manch., 18/Manch., 19/Manch.[18]		CXLIX[22]	A, B, C, D	CXLIX B.A.C.											
	91st[16]	20/Manch., 21/Manch., 22/Manch., 24/Manch.		CL[23].....	A, B, C, D	CL B.A.C.											
				CLI (H.)[24].....	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLI (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 June (France)	21st[25]	18/King's,[17] 2/Gr. How., 2/Wilts., 19/Manch.;[18] 21st Bde. M.G. Coy.;[26] 21st T.M. Bty.[27]	...	CXLVIII[28]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[29]	X.30[30]	V.30[31]	30th D.A.C.[32]	200th 201st 202nd	30th	11/S. Lanc. (P.)	...	96th 97th 98th	40th	...	30th
				CXLIX[33]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.30[34]										
				CL[35].....	A, B, C; D (H.)		Z.30[36]										
				CLI[37]	A, B, C												
	89th	17/King's, 19/King's, 20/King's, 2/Bedf.;[38] 89th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[39] 89th T.M. Bty.[27]															
	90th	2/R.S.F.,[39] 16/Manch., 17/Manch., 18/Manch.; 90th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[39] 90th T.M. Bty.[27]															
1917 June (France)	21st	18/King's,[17] 2/Gr. How., 2/Wilts., 19/Manch.;[18] 21st M.G. Coy.;[39] 21st T.M. Bty.	...	CXLVIII.....	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.30[43]	V.30[44]	30th D.A.C.	200th 201st 202nd	30th	11/S. Lanc. (P.)	226th[45] M.G. Coy.	96th 97th 98th	40th	227th[46]	30th
				CXLIX.....	A, B C; D (H.)		Y.30[43]										
							Z.30[43]										
	89th	17/King's, 19/King's, 20/King's,[39] 2/Bedf.;[40] 89th M.G. Coy.;[39] 89th T.M. Bty.															
	90th	2/R.S.F., 16/Manch., 17/Manch.,[41] 18/Manch.;[42] 90th M.G. Coy.;[39] 90th T.M. Bty.															

	90th	2 R.S.F., 16/Manch., 17 Manch.,[42] 18/Manch.;[43] 90th M.G. Coy.;[44] 90th T.M. Bty.																
1918 March (France)	21st	2/Gr. How.,[47] 2/Wilts.,[48] 17/Manch.;[49] 21st T.M. Bty.[50]	...	CXLVIII ..... CXLIX	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.30 Y.30	...	30th D.A.C.	200th 201st 202nd	30th	11/S. Lanc.[57] (P.)	No. 30 Bn.[58] M.G.C.	96th 97th 98th	40th	227th	30th
	89th	17/King's,[51] 18/(Lanc. Hsrs.) King's,[52]; [53] 19/King's;[53] 89th T.M. Bty.[50]															
	90th	2/Bedf.,[40]; [54] 2/R.S.F.,[55] 16/Manch.;[56] 90th T.M. Bty.[50]															
After Reconstitution 1918 July (France)	21st	7/R. Ir. Regt.,[59] 1/6/Ches.,[60] 2/23/Lond.;[61] 21st T.M. Bty.[50]	...	CXLVIII ..... CXLIX	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.30 Y.30	...	30th D.A.C.	200th 201st 202nd	30th	6/ S.W.B.[66] (P.)	No. 30 Bn.,[67] M.G.C.	96th 97th 98th	40th	227th	30th
	89th	2/S. Lanc.,[62] 7,8/R. Innis. F.,[63] 2/17/Lond.;[64] 89th T.M. Bty.[50]															
	90th	2/14/Lond.,[65] 2/15 Lond.,[65] 2/16/Lond.;[65] 90th T.M. Bty.[50]															

NOTES

[1] Raised as 37th Div.; became 30th Div. on 27/4/15.

[2] 89th and 90th Bdes. were raised as 110th and 111th Bdes. (in original 37th Div.—note [1]), and they were renumbered on 27/4/15; at the same time 112th Bde. was transferred to 35th (formerly 42nd) Div. and then renumbered 104th; and, to take its place, 126th Bde. from 35th (formerly 42nd) Div. joined 30th Div. and became 91st Bde.

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th City of Liverpool.

[4] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th City of Manchester.

[5] The battalions were designated: 5th, 6th, 7th City of Manchester.

[6] The battalion was designated: Oldham Bn.

[7] Sqdn. joined Div. at Netheravon on 29/10/15.

[8] Coy. was formed at Grantham by 4/9/15.

[9] The four Bdes. were each designated: County Palatine. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. By 13/8/15 the four Bdes. had joined the Div. at Grantham.

[10] The D.A.C. was designated: County Palatine.

[11] Each Fd. Coy. was designated: County Palatine.

[12] The Signal Coy. was designated: County Palatine; the Coy. joined the Div. at Grantham on 19/6/15.

[13] The Pioneer Bn. was designated: St. Helen's Bn.; by 14/5/15 the Bn. joined the 30th Div. at Grantham.

[14] The 3 Fd. Ambces. were raised for the original 32nd Div. (App. 1 C); in June 1915 they joined the (new) 32nd Div.; and on 2/11/15 the 3 Fd. Ambces. were transferred to the 30th Div. at Larkhill, to replace 111th, 112th, 113th Fd. Ambces. which in Sept. 1915 had been transferred to the 16th Div.

[15] The original Train (213, 214, 215, 216 Cos., A.S.C.) joined at Grantham on 2/6/15, but remained in England until Feb. 1916, then went to France, and on 13/2/16 became 56th Div. Train. In Nov. 1915 on arrival of the 30th Div. in France, the 30th Div. took over the 22nd Div. Train on 7/11/15—186, 187, 188, 189 Cos., A.S.C.

[16] Bde. was transferred to 7th Div.: Bde. left on 19/12/15 and joined 7th Div. on 20/12/15. (24/Manch. became Divnl. Pioneer Bn. in 7th Div. on 22/5/16.)

[17] On 25/12/15 Bn. was transferred to 21st Bde. (note 25).

[18] On 21/12/15 Bn. was transferred to 21st Bde. (note 25).

[19] Sqdn. disembkd. at le Havre on 10/11/15; Sqdn. was attached to 2nd Ind. Cav. Div. from 13–26/4/16; Sqdn. left 30th Div. on 11/5/16 and joined VIII Corps Cav. Regt. on 11/5/16.

[20] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 8/11/15; Coy. was attached to 2nd Ind. Cav. Div. from 13–26/4/16; Coy. left 30th Div. on 21/5/16 and joined XIII Corps Cyclist Bn. on 22/5/16.

[21] On 21/5/16 D Bty. left and became A/CLI; and A (H.)/CLI joined and became D (H.)/CXLVIII.

[22] On 21/5/16 D Bty. left and became B/CLI; and B (H.)/CLI joined and became D (H.)/CXLIX.

[23] On 21/5/16 D Bty. left and became C/CLI; and D (H.)/CLI joined and became D (H.)/CL.

[24] On 8/2/16 C (H.) and a section of the B.A.C. left CLI (H.), joined III Highland (H.) Bde. in 51st Div., and became R (H.). On 17/5/16 R (H.) was transferred and became D (H.)/CCLVI (II Highland) Bde., 51st Div. On 21/5/16 CLI was reorganized: A (H.), B (H.), and D (H.) left and became D (H.)/CXLVIII, D (H.)/CXLIX, and D (H.)/CL; and D/CXLVIII, D/CXLIX, and D/CL oined and became A, B, and C/CLI.

[25] 21st Bde. (2/Bedf., 2/Gr. How., 2/R.S.F., 2/Wilts.) was transferred from 7th Div. to replace 91st Bde. (note 16), and 21st Bde. joined 30th Div. on 19 & 20/12/15.

NOTES—*continued*

[20] Bde. M.G. Cos. were formed as follows:
21st—formed, 1–8/3/16, in the Bde.;
89th—disembkd. at le Havre on 11/3/16 and joined Bde. at Sailly Laurette on 13/3/16;
90th—disembkd. at le Havre on 11/3/16 and joined Bde. at Bray on 13/3/16;

[27] T.M. Bties. were formed in the Bdes. as follows:
21st—21/1 and 21/2 by 27/3/16, and they became 21st T.M. Bty. by 5/7/16;
89th—89/1 by 15/3/16, 89/2 by 12/4/16, and they became 89th T.M. Bty. by 16/6/16;
90th—90/1 and 90/2 by 26/4/16, and they became 90th T.M. Bty. by 16/6/16.

[28] Bn. joined Bde. on 20/12/15 from 21st Bde. (note 25).

[29] Bn. joined Bde. on 20/12/15 from 21st Bde. (note 25).

[30] On 25 & 26/8/16 the Bde. was reorganized: C was split up, and 1 sec. made up A and 1 sec. made up B to 6 18-pdrs. each; A/CL,I joined Bde. and became C/CXI,VIII. On 2/1/17 1 sec. D (H.)/CL joined D (H.)/CXI,VIII and made up the Bty. to 6 hows.

[31] Between 26/8–2/9/16 the Bde. was reorganized B was split up, and 1 sec. made up A and 1 sec. made up C to 6 18-pdrs. each; B/CL,I joined Bde. and became B/CXI,IX. On 2/1/17 1 sec. D (H.)/CL joined D (H.)/CXI,IX and made up the Bty. to 6 hows.

[32] Between 26/8–2/9/16 the Bde. was reorganized: A was split up, and 1 sec. made up B and 1 sec. made up C to 6 18-pdrs. each; C/CL then became A/CL; 514 (H.) Bty. (disembkd. at le Havre on 6/11/16) joined Div. on 10/11/16, and became C (H.)/CL. Between 1–5/1/17 the Bde. reorganized: on 2/1/17 D (H.) was broken up, and 1 sec. joined D (H.)/CXI,VIII and 1 sec. joined D (H.)/CXI,IX, making up each How. Bty. to 6 hows.; and C (H.)/CL was then designated D (H.)/CL; A/CCXI,VII joined (from 49th Div.) and became C/CL; and 1 sec. D (H.)/CCXI,VII joined and made up D (H.)/CL to 6 hows.; CL then became an A.F.A. Bde.

[33] On 26/8/16 the Bde. was broken up: R. Sec. C made up A and L. Sec. C made up B to 6 18-pdrs. each; A/CL,I then became C/CXI,VIII and B/CL,I became B/CXI,IX.

[34] The 3 T.M. Bties, joined the Div. by 16/4/16.

[35] The Heavy T.M. Bty. joined the Div. by 7/10/16.

[36] On 16/5/16 the D.A.C. was reorganized and the B.A.C.s were abolished. (G.H.Q. letters, O.B.818, of 28/4, 6/5, and 22/5/16.)

[37] On 24/9/17 Bn. absorbed 16 offrs. & 290 o.r. of 1/Lanc. Hsrs.; on 11/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 89th Bde.

[38] On 6/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: 13 offrs. & 280 o.r. went to 16/Manch., 15 offrs. & 282 o.r. to 17/Manch., and remdr. to 17/Entg. Bn.

[39] On 6/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and used as rfts. for 17/, 18/, and 19/King's.

[40] On 11/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 90th Bde.

[41] On 11/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 21st Bde.

[42] On 20/2/18 Bn. was disbanded, and then formed C and D Cos. of 17/Entg. Bn.

[43] Between 28/1–11/2/18 the 3 Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized in 2 Batteries—X and Y.

[44] Heavy T.M. Bty. left the Div. between 4–11/2/18.

[45] M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 12/7/17, and joined the Div. on 19/7/17.

[46] Coy. joined the Div. on 24/5/17.

[47] On 14/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 32nd Bde., 11th Div.

[48] On 13/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 58th Bde., 19th Div.

[49] On 15/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (1 offr. & 155 o.r.) went to the Base, and the T.C. joined 90th Bde. on 16/5/18. On 19/6/18 the T.C. was transferred to 66th Div.

[50] The 3 Bde. T.M. Bties. were broken up by 21/4/18; they were reformed by 10/7/18.

[51] On 14/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (4 offrs. & 218 o.r.) went to the Base. On 19/6/18 the T.C. was transferred to 66th Div.

[52] On 14/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (273 o.r.) went to the Base. On 19/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., joined 197th Bde. on 8/8/18, absorbed 14/King's (from 22nd Div.) on 13/8/18, and on 19/9/18 Bn. was transferred to 199th Bde., 66th Div.

[53] On 14/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (1 offr. & 223 o.r.) went to the Base. On 19/6/18 the T.C. was transferred to 66th Div.

[54] On 22/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 54th Bde., 18th Div.

[55] On 7/4/18 Bn. was transferred to 120th Bde., 40th Div.; on 25/4/18 Bn. was transferred to S. African Bde., 9th Div., and joined on 26/4/18; on 18/9/18 Bn. was transferred to 28th Bde., 9th Div.

[56] On 13/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to the Base; on 15/5/18 T.C. was transferred to 21st Bde., returned to 90th Bde. on 19/5/18; and on 15/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 42nd Bde., 14th Div., and joined on 16/6/18.

[57] On 15/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and was transferred to the 66th Div. on 19/6/18. On 30/6/18 Bn. was transferred to the 25th Div., and on 13/10/18 Bn. became Pioneer Bn., 25th Div.

[58] Bn. was formed on 1/3/18 and consisted of 21st, 89th, 90th, and 226th M.G. Cos. On 13/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C.; 13 offrs. & 540 o.r. joined 31st Bn., M.G.C., and on 14/5/18 the remdr. went to M.G.C. Base Depot for disposal as rfts.

RECONSTITUTED DIVISION

[59] Bn. served in 49th Bde., 16th Div., from 14/10/17—18/4/18; the Bn. was then reduced to T.C.; the T.C. of Bn. served with 34th Div. from 17–26/6/18. The Bn. was then reformed by absorbing 85 o.r. R. Ir. Regt., 250 o.r. R.M.F., and 500 o.r. R.D.F. Offrs. to complete W.E. joined between 26–30/6/18. On 4/7/18 Bn. joined 21st Bde.

[60] Bn. served in 118th Bde., 39th Div., until 26/5/18. On 20/6/18 Bn. formed No. 3 Bn. in 25th Div. Comp. Bde., and on 21/6/18 the Comp. Bde. was transferred to 50th Comp. Div. On 8/7/18 Bn. joined 21st Bde.

[61] Bn. left 181st Bde., 60th Div. (in Palestine) on 26/5/18 and joined 21st Bde. on 8/7/18.

[62] Bn. served in 7th Bde., 3rd Div., from Aug. 1914–Oct. 1915. From 26/10/15–20/6/18 Bn. was in 75th Bde., 25th Div.; from 21–30/6/18 Bn. was in 64th Bde., 21st Div.; and on 1/7/18 Bn. joined 89th Bde.

[63] The two Bns. served in 49th Bde., 16th Div., from formation; the two Bns. amalgamated on 23/8/17; reduced to T.C. on 22/4/18; served with 34th Div. 17–26/6/18. On 26/6/18 Bn. was reformed, and joined 89th Bde. on 3/7/18.

[64] Bn. left 180th Bde., 60th Div. (in Palestine) on 27/5/18 and joined 89th Bde. on 30/6/18.

[65] The three Bns. left 179th Bde., 60th Div. (in Palestine) on 30/5/18 and joined 90th Bde. on 1/7/18 (2/14) and on 2/7/18 (2/15 & 2/16).

[66] Bn. served as Pioneer Bn. in 25th Div. from Feb. 1915–20/6/18, then with 50th Div. from 20/6–1/7/18, and joined 30th Div. as Pioneer Bn. on 2/7/18.

[67] On 21/5/18 Bn. was formed in XIX Corps (from 221, 262, 264, 271, & 272 M.G. Cos., from Egypt) and designated "A" Bn., M.G. Corps. On 29/6/18 "A" Bn. joined 30th Div. and was redesignated No. 30 Bn.

30TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 6th August 1914 Parliament sanctioned an increase of 500,000 all ranks to the Regular Army, and the First, Second, and Third New Armies (9th—26th Divisions) were formed from the first three hundred thousand men raised in this way.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th—42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 37th Division and its infantry brigades (110th, 111th, and 112th). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th—35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th—26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th—42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th—35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 37th Division became the 30th Division; at the same time its 110th and 111th Infantry Brigades were renumbered 89th and 90th. The 112th Infantry Brigade was transferred to the (renumbered) 35th Division and then became the 104th Brigade; its place in the 30th Division was taken by the 126th Brigade from the original 42nd (later 35th) Division, and on arrival this Brigade received the number 91st (see Appendix 2).

The Earl of Derby was mainly responsible for raising the units which formed the 30th (originally 37th) Division; and he gave permission for the 30th Division to adopt, as its divisional sign, the crest of the Stanleys—On a torse gold and azure beaded gules, a golden eagle standing upon a nest gold containing an infant swaddled gules. In the divisional sign, however, the torse and nest were replaced by a cap of maintenance, and the sign was worked in silver on a black cloth ground.

In the 89th Brigade the sub-titles of the battalions were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th City of Liverpool (17/, 18/, 19/, and 20/ King's); in the 90th Brigade the sub-titles were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th City of Manchester (16/, 17/, 18/, and 19/ Manchester). In the 91st Brigade were the 5th, 6th, and 7th City of Manchester (20/, 21/, and 22/ Manchester); in addition, the 8th City of Manchester (23/Manchester) had been posted originally to the 91st Brigade, as its fourth battalion. 23/Manchester, however, was composed entirely of men between the heights of 5ft. and 5ft. 3in. and it was usually known as 'the Bantams,' and before May 1915 this battalion was transferred from the 30th Division to the 104th Brigade, 35th Division; its place in the 91st Brigade was then taken by 24/Manchester (whose sub-title, Oldham, commemorated the town in which it had been raised).

The four artillery brigades (CXLVIII, CXLIX, CL, and CLI), as well as the D.A.C., were all recruited in Lancashire and were designated "County Palatine." In addition, the three field companies and the signal company each bore "County Palatine" as its sub-title, to denote where it was recruited; but the pioneer battalion (11/S. Lanc.), which had been raised at St. Helen's in September 1914, bore the sub-title of St. Helen's.

Towards the end of April 1915 the 30th Division began to assemble at Grantham: the infantry joined by the end of April, the pioneer battalion reported by the middle of May, and the Train arrived at the beginning of June. The delay occasioned to training by the lack of modern arms and equipment can be realized by the announcement which was made on the 19th July, in Divisional Routine Order No. 191, that a gun-carriage was now available—for funerals. By the middle of August the Divisional Artillery reached Grantham; and on the 14th September the 30th Division left Grantham and moved to Larkhill (Salisbury Plain) to undergo its final intensive preparation for the field. In the middle of October the Divisional Artillery began gun-practice on the West Down ranges, and at 1 a.m. on the 31st October orders were received that the first advance party would leave for France on the 1st November. On the 4th November the Division was inspected by Lord Derby, and he read to the Division a message from H.M. the King. Entrainment began on the 6th. The Division crossed from Southampton to le Havre and from Folkestone to Boulogne; and on the 12th November concentration was completed to the north of the Somme at Ailly le Haut Clocher (N.N.W. of Amiens). For the remainder of the Great War the 30th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

1915

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

1–5; & 7–13 July ...	**Battle of Albert** [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].
1 July	**Capture of Montauban.**
7–13 July	**Fighting in Trônes Wood.**
10–18 October	**Battle of the Transloy Ridges** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

1917

14 March–5 April ...	**German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [VII Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF ARRAS

9–13 April	**First Battle of the Scarpe** [VII Corps, Third Army].
23 & 24 April	**Second Battle of the Scarpe** [VII Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

31 July–2 August ...	**Battle of Pilckem Ridge** [II Corps, Fifth Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 March	**Battle of St. Quentin** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
24 & 25 March	**Actions at the Somme Crossings** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
26 & 27 March	**Battle of Rosières** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

17–19 April	**First Battle of Kemmel Ridge** (89th Bde.) [IX Corps, Second Army].
25 & 26 April	**Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge** (89th & 21st Comp.* Bdes.) [XXII Corps, Second Army].
29 April	**Battle of the Scherpenberg** (89th & 21st Comp.* Bdes.) [XXII Corps, Second Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY**

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

1 September	**Capture of Neuve Église** (89th Bde.) [X Corps, Second Army].
2 September	**Capture of Wulverghem** (21st Bde.) [X Corps, Second Army].
28 Sept.–2 Oct.	**Battle of Ypres** [X Corps, Second Army].
14–19 Oct.	**Battle of Courtrai** [X Corps, Second Army].

The advance continued, and on the 21st October the 30th Division reached the Schelde at Helchin; then on the night of the 27th/28th October the 30th Division moved northwards and took over a divisional front at Avelghem. On the 9th November the 89th Brigade forced the passage of the Schelde; the Division at once advanced through Anserœuil and reached Renaix that night. On the 10th the line was pushed forward and the 30th Division occupied Ellezelles, confronting the German rearguards which held a line through Flobecq. On the 11th November the 7/Dragoon Guards (7th Cav. Bde., 3rd Cav. Div.) passed through the infantry; and by 11 a.m., when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, the 7/D.G. and the leading infantry of the 89th Brigade had reached a line from Ghoy—la Livarde (N.W. of Lessines).

On the 14th November the 29th Division took over the 30th Division front, and the 30th Division then moved back to billets to the south of Renaix. On the 15th the Division began to move back again and by the 17th it went into billets between Courtrai and Mouscron. On the 28th November the Division began to move farther back to the Blaringhem area; the move was completed by the 4th December and divisional headquarters then opened at Renescure. On the 27th December the Division was detailed for duty at the Base Ports; on the 30th the move began to Dunkirk, Calais, Boulogne, and Etaples, during January 1919 the units reached their allotted stations, and on the 13th January divisional headquarters opened at la Capelle (E. of Boulogne). On the 12th February the Division was divided between Boulogne and Etaples; but meanwhile demobilization had been proceeding, and in the middle of May the first unit left for England and other units were disbanded in France. Even so it was not until the 1st September 1919 that the Division ceased to exist. During the Great War the 30th Division lost 35,182 killed, wounded, and missing.

*See General Notes.
**For the reconstitution of the 30th Division between 13/5—8/7/18 see Table and notes 47—67.

31st DIVISION

G.O.C.

26 July 1915	Major-General E. A. Fanshawe.
16 August 1915	Br.-Gen. E. H. Molesworth (acting).
24 August 1915	Major-General R. Wanless O'Gowan.
21 March 1918	Major-General R. J. Bridgford.
6 May 1918	Major-General J. Campbell.

G.S.O.1.

11 June 1915...Major H. R. Cumming (acting).
24 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. H. R. Cumming.
2 April 1916...Lt.-Col. J. S. J. Percy.
4 Sept. 1916...Lt.-Col. W. B. Spender.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

14 June 1915...Lt.-Col. J. H. A. Annesley.
1 Jan. 1917...Lt.-Col. W. H. Annesley.

B.-G., R.A.

7 May 1915...Br.-Gen. S. E. G. Lawless.
16 Nov. 1915...Br.-Gen. J. A. Tyler.

31st Div. Artillery (H.Q., CLV., CLXI, CLXIV (H.), CLXVIII, & D.A.C.) remained in England, when the 31st Div. went to Egypt, and joined 32nd Div. in France between 30/12/15—3/1/16.

On 8/12/15 H.Q., CLXV, CLXIX, CLXX, CLXXI (H.), and D.A.C. (formerly 32nd Div. Artillery) joined 31st Div., and embarked at Devonport to proceed to Egypt with 31st Div.

[15 Nov. 1915]...Br.-Gen. E. P. Lambert.

C.R.E.

25 July 1915...Lt.-Col. H. E. G. Clayton.
6 April 1916...Lt.-Col. J. P. Mackesy.
6 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. E. E. F. Homer (wd., 26/3/18).
26 Mar. 1918...Major R. A. S. Mansel (acting).
9 April 1918...Lt.-Col. F. L. N. Giles.

31st DIVISION

92nd BDE.
(originally 113th Bde.)

31 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. Sir. H. G. Dixon.
2 July '15...Br.-Gen. A. Parker.
10 June '16...Br.-Gen. O. de L. Williams.

93rd BDE.
(originally 114th Bde.)

17 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. E. H. Molesworth.
8 Oct. '15...Br.-Gen. H. B. Kirk (sick, 4/5/16; died, 12/5/16).
5 May '16...Lt.-Col. H. Bowes (acting).
17 May '16...Br.-Gen. J. D. Ingles (sick, 27/3/18).
27 March '18...Lt.-Col. C. H. Gurney (acting).
27 March '18...Lt.-Col. R. D. Temple (acting).
5 April '18...Br.-Gen. S. C. Taylor (wd., 1/10/18; died 11/10/18).
1 Oct. '18...Lt.-Col. A. V. Nutt (acting).
1 Oct. '18...Lt.-Col. A. W. Rickman (acting).
4 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. G. B. F. Smyth.

94th BDE.
(originally 115th Bde.)

28 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. H. Bowles.
22 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. G. T. C. Carter-Campbell (sick, 23/5/16).
23 May '16...Lt.-Col. A. W. Rickman (acting).
15 June '16...Br.-Gen. H. C. Rees.
2 July '16...Br.-Gen. G. T. C. Carter-Campbell.
30 Jan. '18 } Lt.-Col. G. B. Waudhope (acting).
17 Feb. '18 }
Between 11—17/2/18 the 94th Bde. was broken up.

4th GUARDS BDE.

Bde. was formed on 8/2/18; and at noon on 8/2/18 the 4th Gds. Bde. joined 31st Div.
8 Feb. '18...Br.-Gen. Lord Ardee (gassed, 27/3/18).
27 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander (acting).
4 April '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. L. J. P. Butler (gassed, 24/4/18).
24 April '18...Lt.-Col. Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander (acting).
27 April '18...Lt.-Col. R. B. J. Crawfurd (acting).
7 May '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. L. J. P. Butler.
On 20/5/18 the Bde. was transferred to G.H.Q. Reserve. (4th Gds. Bde. rejoined Guards Div. at Maubeuge on 17/11/18.)

94th (YEOMANRY) BDE.

The 94th Bde. was reformed on 30/5/18 and joined 31st Div. on 31/5/18. (94th Bde was reconstituted on 21/6/18).*
1 June '18...Br.-Gen. A. Symons (sick, 3/11/18).
3 Nov. '18...Lt.-Col. J. Sherwood-Kelly, V.C. (acting).
[12 Nov. '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. L. J. P. Butler].

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*See General Notes; also Table and Notes 56—60.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 31st Division :—

ARTILLERY :—517(H.) Battery, R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ Hows.) disembkd, at le Havre on 11/11/16 and joined CLXIX Bde.* on 20/11/16 (see note 29).

124 (2nd Hull) Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4,60-pdrs.) was raised for the 31st Division but went abroad independently. On 29/4/16 the Heavy Battery disembkd. at le Havre and joined XIII H.A. Bde. on 1/5/16.

OTHER UNITS :—71st Sanitary Section joined Div. on 10/11/15 at Fovant; went abroad with Div. to Egypt and then to France, disembkg. at Marseille on 8/3/16. Sanitary Sec. was transferred from 31st Div. to XIII Corps between 4—11/3/17.

31st Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop went abroad with 31st Div. to Egypt in Dec. 1915; Workshop was transferred (with 31st Div. Train) to 52nd Div. in Egypt by 21/4/16. Workshop served with 52nd Div. until June 1917, and the Workshop was then absorbed in 52nd Div. Supply Column.

On 17/2/18 the reorganization of the 31st Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 3/3/18 the pioneer battalion (12/K.O.Y.L.I.) was reorganized on a 3-Company basis.

OTHER NOTES :—12/K.O.Y.L.I. (P.) was attached to Fifth Army Troops on 1/7/17, for work on Light Railways. The Bn. was administered by: XVIII Corps, 1/7—22/8/17; XIX Corps on 7/9/17; V Corps, 8—27/9/17; and II ANZAC Corps, 28/9—19/11/17. The Bn. was attached to 50th Div. from 20—29/11/17, and on 30/11/17 the Bn. rejoined 31st Div.

92nd Composite Bde. On 16/4/18 31st Div. was in XV Corps Reserve near Hondeghem. At this time the 31st Div. was very weak, owing to heavy casualties, and it was decided to reorganize the Div. in two Bdes. as a temporary measure. The 4th Gds. Bde. would form one Bde., and the other Bde. would be formed by an amalgamation of the 92nd and 93rd Bdes., to be called 92nd Composite Bde., placed under the B.-G. Cdg. 92nd Inf. Bde. (Br.-Gen. O. de L. Williams). The 92nd Comp. Bde. was to consist of the following units :—
92nd Comp. Bn. (10/ and 11/E. York.), 93rd Comp. Bn. (15/W. York. and 18/D.L.I.), and 94th Comp. Bn. (11/E. Lanc. and 13/Y. & L.).
The 92nd Comp. Bde. was formed on 16/4/18; and it was broken up and ceased to exist at 11.30 p.m. on 18/4/18. The 92nd and 93rd Inf. Bdes. were then reformed as before.

94th Infantry Bde. On 30/5/18 the 94th Bde. was reformed at first with (1) 2/L.N.L., (2) T.C., 2/R.M.F., and (3) T.C., 2/R.D.F.
(1) 2/L.N.L. Bn. (formerly in 234th Bde., 75th Div.) was ordered to France in May 1918, from L. of C. at Gaza; Bn. left Egypt on 18/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 27/5/18, and joined 94th Bde. on 4/6/18. On 22/6/18 Bn. was transferred to and joined 103rd Bde., 34th Div. and on 28/6/18 Bn. was transferred to 101st Bde., 34th Div. (2) T.C., 2/R.M.F. Bn. (formerly in 48th Bde., 16th Div.) joined 94th Bde. on 31/5/18. On 6/6/18 2/R.M.F. was reformed by absorbing 6/R.M.F.** (formerly in 30th Bde., 10th Div.); and on 16/6/18 2/R.M.F. was transferred to L. of C. On 15/7/18 2/R.M.F. joined 150th Bde., 50th Div.
(3) T.C., 2/R.D.F. Bn. (formerly in 48th Bde., 16th Div.) joined 94th Bde. on 1/6/18. On 6/6/18 2/R.D.F. was reformed by absorbing 7/R.D.F.*** (formerly in 30th Bde., 10th Div.), and on 16/6/18 2/R.D.F. was transferred to L. of C. On 15/7/18 2/R.D.F. joined 149th Bde., 50th Div.
On 21/6/18 the 94th Bde. was finally reconstituted and became 94th (Yeomanry) Bde. (see Table and notes 56–60).

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* CLXIX Bde., which was broken up in January 1917 (see note 29) must not be confused with CLXIX A.F.A. Bde. (376, 377, 378, & 379 Batteries). CLXIX A.F.A. Bde. left England on 14/5/17 and disembkd. at le Havre on 15/5/17.

** 6/R.M.F. (formerly in 30th Bde., 10th Div.) left 10th Div. in Palestine on 30/4/18, disembkd. at Marseille 1/6/18, and joined 94th Bde. on 5/6/18. On 7/6/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C.; surplus absorbed by 2/R.M.F. T.C., 6/R.M.F. joined 16th Div. on 10/6/18, 34th Div. on 17/6/18, and 39th Div. on 27/6/18. T.C., 6/R.M.F. was disbanded on 3/8/18.

*** 7/R.D.F. (formerly in 30th Bde., 10th Div.) left 10th Div. in Palestine on 30/4/18, disembkd. at Marseille 1/6/18, and joined 94th Bde. on 5/6/18. On 6/6/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus was absorbed by 2/R.D.F. T.C., 7/R.D.F. joined 16th Div. on 10/6/18, was absorbed by 11/R. Ir. F. on 19/6/18; 11/R. Ir. F. joined 16th Div. at Aldershot on 28/6/18. On 29/8/18, in France, 5/R. Ir. F. absorbed 11/R. Ir. F., and was posted to 48th Bde., 16th Div.

31st DIVISION [1]

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service						
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.		Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy									
1915 May (England)	92nd[2]; [3]..	10/E. York., 11/E. York., 12/E. York., 13/E. York.	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & B Sqdn.,[6] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 31st Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLV[8]; [9].....	A, B, C, D	CLV B.A.C.[9]	...	...	31st D.A.C. [8]; [9]	210th[10]	31st[11]	12/ K.O.Y. L.I.[12] (P.)	...	93rd[13] 94th[13] 95th[13]	41st	...	31st[14]
	93rd[2]; [4]..	15/W. York., 16/W. York., 18/W. York., 18/D.L.I.		CLXI[8]; [9].....	A, B, C, D	CLXI B.A.C.[9]				211th[10]							
				CLXIV (H.)[8]; [9]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXIV (H.) B.A.C.[9]				223rd[10]							
	94th[2]; [5]..	11/E. Lanc., 12/Y. & L., 13/Y. & L., 14/Y. & L.		CLXVIII[8]; [9]..	A, B, C, D	CLXVIII B.A.C.[9]											
1916 April (France)	92nd.....	10/E. York., 11/E. York., 12/E. York., 13/E. York.; 92/1/T.M. Bty.;[15] 92/2/T.M. Bty.[15]	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & B Sqdn.,[16] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 31st Div. Cyclist Coy.[19]	CLXV[20]; [21]....	A, B, C, D	CLXV B.A.C.[20]	X.31[22] Y.31[22] Z.31[22]	...	31st D.A.C.[20]	210th 211th 223rd	31st	12/ K.O.Y. L.I. (P.)	...	93rd 94th 95th	41st	...	31st[14]
	93rd	15/W. York., 16/W. York., 18/W. York., 18/D.L.I.; 93/1/T.M. Bty.,[16] 93/2/T.M. Bty.[16]		CLXIX[23]; [22]...	A, B, C, D	CLXIX B.A.C.[20]											
				CLXX[20]; [23]....	A, B, C, D	CLXX B.A.C.[20]											
				CLXXI (H.) [20]; [24]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXI (H.) B.A.C.[20]											
	94th	11/E. Lanc., 12/Y. & L., 13/Y. & L., 14/Y. & L.; 94/1/T.M. Bty.,[17] 94/2/T.M. Bty.[17]															
1916 June (France)	92nd.....	10/E. York., 11/E. York., 12/E. York., 13/E. York.; 92nd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[26] 92nd T.M. Bty.[27]	...	CLXV[21]; [20]....	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[25]	X.31 Y.31 Z.31	V.31[28]	31st D.A.C.[20]	210th 211th 223rd	31st	12/ K.O.Y. L.I. (P.)	...	93rd 94th 95th	41st	...	31st
	93rd	15/W. York., 16/W. York., 18/W. York., 18/D.L.I.; 93rd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[26] 93rd T.M. Bty.[27]		CLXIX[23]; [20]...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
				CLXX[23]; [20] ...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	94th	11/E. Lanc., 12/Y. & L., 13/Y. & L., 14/Y. & L.; 94th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[26] 94th T.M. Bty.[27]		CLXXI[24]; [21]...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
1917 June (France)	92nd.....	10/E. York., 11/E. York., 12/E. York.,[34] 13/E. York.;[35] 92nd M.G. Coy.;[55] 92nd T.M. Bty.	...	CLXV	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.31 Y.31 Z.31[46]	V.31[47]	31st D.A.C.	210th 211th 223rd	31st	12/ K.O.Y. L.I. (P.)	243rd M.G. Coy.[48]	93rd 94th 95th	41st	228th[49]	31st
	93rd	15/W. York.,[36] 16/W. York.,[37] 18/W. York.;[38] 18/D.L.I.; 93rd M.G. Coy.;[55] 93rd T.M. Bty.		CLXX.....	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	94th[39]	11/E. Lanc.,[40] 12/Y. & L.,[41] 13/Y. & L.,[42] 14/Y. & L.[43]; 94th M.G. Coy.;[44]; [55] 94th T.M. Bty.[45]															

	94th[39]	11/L. Lanc.,[40] 12/Y. & L.,[41] 13/Y. & L.,[42] 14/Y. & L.[43]; 94th M.G. Coy.;[44]; [45] 94th T.M. Bty.[46]														
1918 March (France)	4th Gds.[46] 92nd..... 93rd	4/G G.,[51] 3/C.G.,[52] 2/Ir. G.;[53] 4th Gds. T.M. Bty.[54] 10/E. York., 11/E. York., 11/E. Lanc.;[40] 92nd T.M. Bty. 15/W. York., 13/Y. & L.,[42] 18/D.L.I.; 93rd T.M. Bty.	...	CLXV ..... CLXX.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.31 Y.31	...	31st D.A.C.	210th 211th 223rd	31st	12/ K.O.Y. L.I. (P.)	No. 31 Bn.,[55] M.G.C.	93rd 94th 95th	41st	228th	31st
1918 June (France)	92nd..... 93rd ..... 94th[56] .... (Yeo.)	10/E. York., 11/E. York., 11/E. Lanc.;[40] 92nd T.M. Bty. 15/W. York., 13/Y. & L.,[42] 18/D.L.I.; 93rd T.M. Bty. 12(Norf. Yeo. Bn.) Norf.,[57] 12 (Ayr. & Lanark. Yeo. Bn.) R.S.F.,[58] 24 (Denbigh. Yeo. Bn.) R.W.F.;[59] 94th T.M. Bty.[60]	...	CLXV ..... CLXX.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.31 Y.31	...	31st D.A.C.	210th 211th 223rd	31st	12/ K.O.Y. L.I. (P.)	No. 31 Bn., M.G.C.	93rd 94th 95th	41st	228th	31st

NOTES

[1] Raised as 38th Div.; became 31st Div. on 27/4/15.

[2] Raised as 113th, 114th, & 115th Bdes. (in 38th Div.); became 92nd, 93rd, & 94th Bdes. in 31st Div. (see note 1) on 27/4/15.

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Hull.

[4] The battalions were designated: 1st Leeds, 1st Bradford, 2nd Bradford, and 1st County of Durham.

[5] The battalions were designated: Accrington, Sheffield, 1st Barnsley, and 2nd Barnsley.

[6] Joined at Netheravon on 27/11/15.

[7] Formed by 13/8/15.

[8] The four Bdes. were designated: West Yorkshire, Yorkshire, Huddersfield, and Rotherham; and the D.A.C. was designated Hull. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. By 5/8/15 the four Bdes. had joined the Div. at Ripon.

[9] Before the embkn. of the 31st Div., the 31st Div. Artillery (H.Q., 4 Bdes. & B.A.C.s, and D.A.C.) left the 31st Div. on 2/12/15 and moved to Larkhill. Between 30/12/15–3/1/16 this Div. Arty. (H.Q., 4 Bdes. & B.A.C.s, and D.A.C.) joined 32nd Div. in France and became 32nd Div. Arty.

[10] Each Fd. Coy. was designated: Leeds.

[11] The Signal Coy. was designated: Leeds.

[12] The Pioneer Bn. was designated: Miners.

[13] The 3 Fd. Ambces. joined at Rolleston Down, Larkhill on 27/11/15; they had been raised for the original 31st Div. (App. 1B).

[14] In Aug. 1915 the Train consisted of 217, 218, 219, & 220 Cos., A.S.C., and this Train accompanied 31st Div. to Egypt. When the 31st Div. moved to France in March 1916 the Train remained in Egypt, joined 52nd Div. between 1–10/3/16, and became 52nd Div. Train.

In March 1916 32nd Div. Train (221, 222, and 223 Cos., A.S.C.) moved to France, was completed with 279 Coy., A.S.C. (formerly R.N. Div. Supply Coln.); and H.Q. and 221, 222, 223, & 279 Cos. joined 31st Div. at Hallencourt on 14 & 15/3/16 and became 31st Div. Train.

[15] 92/1 & 92/2 were formed by 11/4/16.

[16] 93/1 & 93/2 joined on 12/4/16.

[17] 94/1 & 94/2 were formed by 12/4/16.

[18] Sqdn. was attached Secunderabad Cav. Bde., 2nd Indian Cav. Div., from 27/3–10/4/16; left 31st Div. on 9/5/16 and joined VIII Corps Cav. Regt. on 9/5/16.

[19] Coy. left 31st Div. on 9/5/16 and joined VIII Corps Cyclist Bn.

[20] H.Q.R.A., the four Bdes. (CLXV, CLXIX, CLXX, CLXXI) with the four B.A.C.s, and the D.A.C. were raised between April–June 1915 for the 32nd Div. On 8/12/15 32nd Div. Arty. left the 32nd Div. at Heytesbury, embkd. at Devonport, and became 31st Div. Arty. from that date.

[21] On 22/5/16 D Bty. left and became A/CLXXI; and A (H.)/CLXXI joined and became D (H.)/CLXV.

[22] On 22/5/16 D Bty. left and became B/CLXXI; and B (H.)/CLXXI joined and became D (H.)/CLXIX.

[23] On 22/5/16 D Bty. left and became C/CLXXI; and C (H.)/CLXXI joined and became D (H.)/CLXX.

[24] On 22/5/16 CLXXI was reorganized: A (H.), B (H.), & C (H.) left and became D (H.)/CLXV, D (H.)/CLXIX, and D (H.)/CLXX; and D/CLXV, D/CLXIX, and D/CLXX joined and became A, B, and C/CLXXI, and D (H.)/CLXXI remained D (H.)/CLXXI.

[25] X, Y, & Z were formed on 31/3/16.

[26] The three Bde. M.G. Cos. left Grantham on 15/5/16, disembkd. at le Havre 17/5/16, left le Havre on 19/5/16 and joined the Inf. Bdes. as follows: 92nd and 93rd on 20/5/16 and 94th on 21/5/16.

NOTES—*continued*

[27] Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were formed as follows:
92nd—92/1 & 92/2 became 92nd T.M. Bty. by 12/6/16;
93rd—93/1 & 93/2 became 93rd T.M. Bty. by 12/6/16;
94th—94/1 & 94/2 became 94th T.M. Bty. by 14/6/16.

[28] At noon on 30/8/16 Bde. was reorganised: A and 1/2 B/CLXXI joined, and 1 sec. A made up A/CLXV, 1 sec. A made up B/CLXV, and 1 sec. B made up C/CLXV to 6, 18-pdrs. each. On 26/1/17 R. Sec. D (H.) joined from CLXIX and made up D (H.)/CLXV to 6 hows.

[29] At noon on 30/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: C was split up, and 1 sec. made up A and 1 sec. made up B to 6 18-pdrs. each. On 1/9/16 D (H.)/CLXXI joined and became C (H.)/CLXIX. On 20/11/16 517 (H.)—see General Notes—joined CLXIX. Between 24–31/1/17 CLXIX was broken up: on 29/1/17 A became C/XXIII A.F.A. Bde.; at noon on 28/1/17 B was redesignated C/XIV A.F.A. Bde. and joined XIV on 13/2/17; C (H.) was broken up—1 sec. made up D (H.)/XIV A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows. on 13/2/17, and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/XXIII A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows. on 24/1/17; D (H.) was broken up on 24/1/17 and R. Sec. made up D (H.)/CLXV and L. Sec. made up D (H.)/CLXX to 6 hows. each; and 517 (H.) was also broken up—1 sec. made up D (H.)/CLV A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows. on 25/1/17, and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CCCXI A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows. on 25/1/17.

[30] On 29 & 30/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: C/CLXXI (formerly D/CLXX) and 1/2 B/CLXXI joined, and C made up A and B/CLXX and 1/2 B/CLXXI made up C/CLXX to 6 18-pdrs. each. On 24/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.)/CLXIX joined, became Centre Sec. D (H.)/CLXX, and made up D (H.)/CLXX to 6 hows.

[31] Between 27–30/8/16 CLXXI Bde. was broken up: A & ½ B joined CLXV and C & ½ B joined CLXX, and the six sections were used to make up A, B, & C/CLXV and A, B, & C/CLXX to 6 18-pdrs. each; and D (H.)/CLXXI became C (H.)/CLXIX on 1/9/16.

[32] On 4/6/16 V arrived from the T.M. School.

[33] On 22/5/16 the D.A.C. was reorganized and the B.A.C.s were abolished.

[34] Bn. was disbanded on 8/2/18; 33 offrs. & 733 o.r. were drafted to 6/, 7/, 10/, & 11/E. York., and the remdr. joined No. 4 Entg. Bn.

[35] Bn. was disbanded on 8/2/18 and drafted; remdr. joined No. 4 Entg. Bn.

[36] 17/W. York. (from 106th Bde., 35th Div.) joined 31st Div. on 5/12/17, and amalgamated with 15/W. York. (in 93rd Bde.) on 7/12/17.

[37] Bn. was disbanded on 10/2/18; 3 offrs. & 132 o.r. joined 15/W. York., and remdr. (12 offrs. & 583 o.r.) joined No. 3 Entg. Bn.

[38] Bn. was disbanded on 5/2/18; 33 offrs. & 720 o.r. were drafted to nine W. York. Bns., and remdr. joined No. 3 Entg. Bn.

[39] 94th Inf. Bde. was broken up between 11–16/2/18, and it ceased to exist on 17/2/18.

[40] Bn. was transferred to and joined 92nd. Bde. on 11/2/18.

[41] Bn. was disbanded between 11–17/2/18; 13 offrs. & 280 o.r. were drafted to 7/Y. & L., 15 offrs. & 300 o.r. to 13/Y. & L., and the remdr. went to No. 4 Entg. Bn.

[42] Bn. was attached to 4th Gds. Bde. from 12–17/2/18, and on 17/2/18 Bn. was transferred to and joined 93rd Bde.

[43] Bn. was disbanded on 16/2/18; 5 offrs. & 100 o.r. were drafted to 1/4/Y. & L., 5 offrs. & 100 o.r. to 1/5/Y. & L., and the remdr. went to No. 4 Entg. Bn.

[44] M.G. Coy. was attached to 4th Gds. Bde. from 11/2–3/3/18. On formation of No. 31 M.G. Bn., the Coy. joined M.G. Bn. as C Coy.

[45] T.M. Bty. was attached to 4th Gds. Bde. from 12/2/18. On 19/3/18 T.M. Bty. handed over Stokes Mortars (complete) to 4th Gds. T.M. Bty., and 94th T.M. Bty. then disappeared.

[46] The Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized between 15–22/2/18; Z was broken up: *matériel* divided between X & Y; personnel went to X.

[47] V Heavy T.M. Bty. was broken up by 15/2/18.

[48] M.-G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 15/7/17, left le Havre on 17/7/17, and joined Div. at Mt. St. Eloi on 18/7/17.

[49] Formed by 9/6/17.

[50] On 8/2/18 4th Gds. Bde. was formed in the Guards Div., and at noon on 8/2/18 4th Gds. Bde. joined 31st Div. 4th Gds. Bde. served with 31st Div. until 20/5/18 when the Bde. was transferred to G.H.Q. Reserve. 4th Gds. Bde. rejoined the Guards Div. at Maubeuge on 17/11/18; the 3 Bns. then returned to their original Bdes., and 4th Gds. Bde. H.Q. and T.M. Bty. were disbanded.

[51] Bn. (from 3rd Gds. Bde.) joined 4th Gds. Bde. on 8/2/18; Bn. rejoined 3rd Gds. Bde. on 17/11/18.

[52] Bn. (from 1st Gds. Bde.) joined 4th Gds. Bde. on 8/2/18; Bn. rejoined 1st Gds. Bde. on 17/11/18.

[53] Bn. (from 2nd Gds. Bde.) joined 4th Gds. Bde. on 8/2/18; Bn. rejoined 2nd Gds. Bde. on 17/11/18.

[54] T.M. Bty. formed on 18/3/18, took over Stokes Mortars (complete) from 94th T.M. Bty. on 19/3/18. 4th Gds. T.M. Bty. was disbanded on 17/11/18.

[55] Bn. was formed at le Comte on 3/3/18; it consisted of 92nd, 93rd, 94th, and 243rd M.G. Cos.

[56] On 30/5/18 94th Bde. was reformed, principally from T.C. Bns. (see General Notes). On 21/6/18 the Bde. was reconstituted with 3 Bns. from the 74th (Yeomanry) Division—the Broken Spur Division—and 94th Bde. was then redesignated 94th (Yeomanry) Bde.

[57] 1/Norf. Yeo. (3rd Dismtd. Bde.) was reorganized and designated 12/Norf. in Feb. 1917. Joined 74th Div. at Deir el Balah with 230th (3rd Dismtd.) Bde. on 12/4/17. Bn. left 230th Bde., 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18 and joined 94th Bde.

[58] 1/Ayr. Yeo. and 1/Lanark. Yeo. (2nd Dismtd. Bde.) amalgamated on 4/1/17, and designated 12/R.S.F. in Feb. 1917. Joined 74th Div. at el 'Arish with 229th (2nd Dismtd.) Bde. on 9/3/17. Bn. left 229th Bde., 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18 and joined 94th Bde.

[59] 1/Denbigh. Yeo. (4th Dismtd. Bde.) reorganized on 23/12/16, and was designated 24/R.W.F. in Feb. 1917. Joined 74th Div. at Khan Yunis with 231st (4th Dismtd.) Bde. on 4/4/17. Bn. left 231st Bde., 74th Div. (in France) on 21/6/18 and joined 94th Bde.

[60] T.M. Bty. was formed from personnel of Bns. of 94th Bde. on 7/6/18, but was broken up on 19/6/18 and the personnel rejoined their units. On 29/6/18 the 94th T.M. Bty. was reformed with personnel from 12/Norf., 12/R.S.F., and 24/R.W.F.

31ST DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 38th Division and its infantry brigades (113th, 114th, and 115th). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th–26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th–35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 38th Division became the 31st Division; at the same time its three infantry brigades (113th, 114th, and 115th) were renumbered 92nd, 93rd, and 94th (see Appendix 2).

In the 92nd Brigade the sub-titles of the battalions were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Hull (10/, 11/, 12/, and 13/East Yorkshire); in the 93rd Brigade the sub-titles were 1st Leeds (15/West Yorkshire), 1st and 2nd Bradford (16/ and 18/West Yorkshire), and 1st County of Durham (18/Durham Light Infantry); and in the 94th Brigade they were Accrington (11/East Lancashire), Sheffield (12/York & Lancaster), and 1st and 2nd Barnsley (13/ & 14/York & Lancaster). The artillery brigades were designated West Yorkshire (CLV), Yorkshire (CLXI), Huddersfield (CLXIV), and Rotherham (CLXVIII), and the D.A.C. came from Hull. The field companies and signal company were designated Leeds, and the pioneer battalion had the sub-title Miners. Many of the units retained their local character until the end of the Great War.

In most units, until early in 1915, the men were billeted in their own homes and the preliminary training had to be carried on in the various home towns. Individuals with any previous military training were rare, and rarer still were any men who had any experience of active service. The rapid development of nearly all the units, as efficient military fighting machines, was delayed and made far more difficult in these important early months by the almost complete absence of trained instructors, and the lack of equipment and modern types of weapons.

During November 1914 one of the battalions was moved from its home town and placed in huts, so that it might be available to strengthen the Humber Defences. Unfortunately, for the comfort of the men, the huts were in a very unfinished state, indeed, many had no doors or windows; also sixty men had to be crowded into every hut, although each building had been designed to hold only thirty. In December when the C.O. of this same battalion was asked to report on the efficiency of the rifles which had been issued to his men, he felt compelled to send the perfectly truthful answer: 'Rifles will certainly go off, doubtful which end.'

Another unit (18/D.L.I.) had an exceptional experience in England. It was raised and equipped by the Earl of Durham and a committee of gentlemen of the County of Durham, and Lord Durham placed Cockpen Hall at its disposal. By early in October 1914 the battalion had recruited up to full strength. The men came from Durham, South Shields, Sunderland, Hartlepool, and Darlington, and the minimum height was 5ft. 9in. On the 16th November the C.O. was ordered to send two companies to Hartlepool to assist in coast defence duty, and he was able to select men for this detachment from those who had already fired a course on an open range. On the 15th December 1914 the officer in command of the Tyne and Tees defences was warned that on the following day enemy warships might raid the East Coast. The 18/D.L.I. detachment manned its trenches and was in position on the morning of the 16th December, when the *Derfflinger*, *Von der Tann*, and *Blücher* loomed up out of the mist and opened fire on the place. The German ships fired some 1,500 shells, and caused casualties of 119 killed and over 300 wounded; among these were included the losses of the 18/D.L.I. detachment—6 killed and 10 wounded. The 18/D.L.I. therefore, holds the proud record of being the first New Army battalion to come under enemy fire.

Towards the end of May and during June 1915 local training came to an end and the units allotted to the 31st Division began to assemble at South Camp, Ripon. Brigade training was started in earnest, and in August musketry was undertaken. In September the Division moved from Ripon to Fovant and the final intensive preparation for war took place on Salisbury Plain.

On the 29th November the Division was informed that it would begin embarking for France on the 6th December; and advance parties left for Southampton (30th Nov.) and Folkestone (1st Dec.). At 10.15 a.m. on the 2nd December, however, the Division was warned that it would not move to France, but it would go to Egypt, accompanied by the 32nd Division Artillery. On the same day the original advance parties were recalled; and the 31st Division Artillery left the 31st Division and a month later joined the 32nd Division in France; and on embarkation the 32nd Division Artillery joined the 31st Division (see Table). Owing to an injury received in France H.M. the King was unable to inspect the 31st Division before embarkation, but on the 6th December His Majesty's farewell message was received by the Division.

On the 7th December embarkation began at Devonport, and on Christmas Eve divisional headquarters reached Port Said.

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1916

By the 23rd January 1916 the last unit (CLXXI Brigade, R.F.A.) had disembarked in Egypt. Meanwhile the Division had been taking over No. 3 Section, Suez Canal Defences, and on the 23rd January divisional headquarters moved from Port Said to Qantara (headquarters of No. 3 Section).

On the 26th Feb. orders were received for the 31st Div. to embark for France and an embarkation table was enclosed. On the 27th Feb. the advance parties and divisional cavalry left Qantara for Port Said. On the 1st March divisional headquarters closed at Qantara and embarked the same day at Port Said. On the 6th March the first units of the 31st Division began disembarking at Marseille and on the 16th March disembarkation was completed. The 31st Division then concentrated south of the Somme around Hallencourt (S.E. of Abbeville), in the VIII Corps area.

For the remainder of the Great War the 31st Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

1 July	**Battle of Albert** [VIII Corps, Fourth Army].
1 July	**Attack on Serre.**
13–18 November	**Battle of the Ancre** [XIII Corps, Fifth Army].

1917

22 Feb.–12 March ...	**Operations on the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLES OF ARRAS

3 & 4 May	**Third Battle of the Scarpe** [XIII Corps, First Army].
28 June	**Capture of Oppy Wood** [XIII Corps, First Army].

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FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

23 March	**Battle of St. Quentin** [VI Corps, Third Army].
24 & 25 March	**Battle of Bapaume** [VI Corps, Third Army].
28 March	**First Battle of Arras** [VI Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

11 April	**Battle of Estaires** [XV Corps, First Army].
12–14 April	**Battle of Hazebrouck** [XV Corps, First Army, until noon 12/4; then XV Corps, Second Army].
12–14 April	**Defence of Nieppe Forest (4th Gds. Bde.)** [XV Corps].
28 June	**La Becque** [under XI Corps, First Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

13 August	**Capture of Vieux Berquin** [XV Corps, Second Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

28 Sept.–2 Oct.	**Battle of Ypres** [XV Corps, Second Army].
31 October	**Tieghem** [II Corps, Second Army].

On the 3rd November the 31st Division was withdrawn into Second Army Reserve and billeted around Halluin (S. of Menin). On the 5th November the Division was informed that it was to be transferred to XIX Corps and it was to take over part of the line near Avelghem (W. of the Schelde) on the night of the 6th/7th. On the 9th November the Schelde was bridged and a crossing was effected. The Division then pushed forward and by 11 a.m. on the 11th November, when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, divisional headquarters had been opened at Renaix, the leading infantry brigade (92nd) had reached Everbecq, and cyclists had pushed on as far as the Dendre and found the river bank clear of the enemy.

On the 13th November the 31st Division began to move back and by the 30th it was located around Arques and Blendecques, to the southward of St. Omer. On the 11th December demobilization (chiefly of coalminers) began, and by the end of the year 5 officers and 1691 men had left the Division for England.

In January 1919 demobilization proceeded at a steadily increasing rate, and by the end of the month 110 officers and 4931 other ranks had left the Division. Demobilization of the animals also began in January. In February 113 officers and 3634 other ranks left, and during March the Division was reduced to cadre. On the 13th May cadres of units began entraining at Wizernes to move to England (via Dunkirk), and on the 20th May 1919 the Division ceased to exist. During the Great War the 31st Division lost 30,091 killed, wounded, and missing.

32ND DIVISION

G.O.C.

29 June 1915 ... ... Major-General W. H. RYCROFT.
22 November 1916 ... ... Major-General R. W. R. BARNES (sick, 9/1/17).
9 January 1917 ... ... Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER (acting).
16 January 1917 ... ... Major-General R. W. R. BARNES (sick, 29/1/17).
29 January 1917 ... ... Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER (acting).
19 February 1917 ... ... Major-General C. D. SHUTE.
24 May 1917 ... ... Major-General Hon. A. R. MONTAGU-STUART-WORTLEY (tempy.).
20 June 1917 ... ... Major-General C. D. SHUTE.
27 April 1918 ... ... Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER (acting).
27 April 1918 ... ... Major-General J. CAMPBELL.
6 May 1918 ... ... Br.-Gen. F. W. LUMSDEN, V.C. (acting).
7 May 1918 ... ... Major-General R. J. BRIDGFORD.
31 May 1918 ... ... Major-General T. S. LAMBERT.

G.S.O.1.

30 June 1915...Major F. W. GOSSET (acting).
24 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. F. W. GOSSET.
28 Apr. 1916...Major A. C. GIRDWOOD (acting).
2 May 1916...Lt.-Col. E. G. WACE.
28 Nov. 1916...Lt.-Col. A. E. MCNAMARA.
2 Sept. 1918...Lt.-Col. E. FITZG. DILLON.

B.-G., R.A.

3 June 1915...Major K. H. GREGORY (acting).
6 June 1915...Br.-Gen. H. H. BUTLER.
15 Nov. 1915...Br.-Gen. E. P. LAMBERT.
32nd Div. Artillery (H.Q., CLXV, CLXIX, CLXX, CLXXI (H.), & D.A.C.) was transferred to 31st Div. from 2/12/15, and embarked for Egypt with 31st Div. in Dec. 1915.

Between 30/12/15—3/1/16 H.Q., CLV, CLXI, CLXIV (H.), CLXVIII, & D.A.C. (formerly 31st Div. Artillery) joined 32nd Div. in France.

[16 Nov. 1915]...Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER.
29 Jan. 1917...Lt.-Col. R. FITZMAURICE (acting).
19 Feb. 1917...Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER.
24 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. Lord WYNFORD (acting; wd. 24/8/18).
25 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. C. R. B. CARRINGTON (acting).
24 Sept. 1918...Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER.
2 Oct. 1918...Lt.-Col. C. R. B. CARRINGTON (acting).
6 Oct. 1918...Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

27 June 1915...Lt.-Col. G. E. PIGOTT (sick, 28/11/16).
28 Nov. 1916...Major Hon. E. P. J. STOURTON (acting).
5 Jan. 1917...Lt.-Col. C. O. V. GRAY.
11 Nov. 1917...Lt.-Col. J. P. B. ROBINSON (sick, 27/11/17).
27 Nov. 1917...Captain G. H. TEALL (acting).
17 Jan. 1918...Lt.-Col. J. P. B. ROBINSON.

C.R.E.

Formation ...Colonel DUNCAN CAMPBELL.
21 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. J. LANG (tempy.).
3 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. E. P. BROOKER.
9 July 1916...Lt.-Col. M. L. PEARS (tempy.).
10 July 1916...Lt.-Col. A. A. CROOKSHANK.
11 Jan. 1917...Major R. F. MAINGUY (acting).
26 Jan. 1917...Lt.-Col. R. H. THOMAS.
1 July 1917...Lt.-Col. G. C. POLLARD.

32ND DIVISION

95th BDE.
(originally 116th Bde.)

22 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. J. T. EVATT.
17 Aug. '15...Br.-Gen. C. R. BALLARD.

On 26/12/15 the Bde. Staff and 4 battalions of the 95th Bde. were exchanged for the Bde. Staff of the 14th Bde. (5th Div.) and 4 battalions of the 5th Division. At noon on 12/1/16 the 14th Inf. Bde., 5th Div., was redesignated 95th Bde.

14th BDE.

On 26/12/15 the 14th Brigade Staff and 4 battalions from the 5th Division were exchanged for the Bde. Staff and the 4 battalions of the 95th Bde., 32nd Div. On 7/1/16 the 95th Inf. Bde., 32nd Div., was redesignated 14th Bde.

[10 Sept. '15]...Br.-Gen. C. W. COMPTON.
24 Nov. '16...Br.-Gen. W. W. SEYMOUR (sick, 12/4/17).
12 April '17...Br.-Gen. F. W. LUMSDEN (V.C., 8/6/17*; killed, 4/6/18).
4 June '18...Lt.-Col. V. B. RAMSDEN (acting).
10 June '18...Br.-Gen. L. P. EVANS, V.C.

96th BDE.
(originally 122nd Bde.)

21 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. J. G. HUNTER.
20 May '15...Br.-Gen. W. THUILLIER.
28 Aug. '15...Br.-Gen. C. YATMAN.
24 Nov. '16...Lt.-Col. A. E. GLASGOW (acting).
4 Dec. '16...Br.-Gen. L. F. ASHBURNER.
20 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. A. C. GIRDWOOD.

97th BDE.
(originally 117th Bde.)

5 Jan. '15...Br.-Gen. F. HACKET-THOMPSON.
1 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. J. B. JARDINE (sick, 21/2/17).
22 Feb. '17...Lt.-Col. C. R. I. BROOKE (acting).
8 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. C. A. BLACKLOCK.
17 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. J. R. M. MINSHULL-FORD (sick, 1/10/18).
1 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. J. A. TYLER (tempy.).
6 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen G. A. ARMYTAGE.

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*The V.C. was awarded for his gallantry at Francilly on 3/4/17 (Gazette of 8/6/17).

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 32nd Division :—

MOUNTED TROOPS :—B. Sqdn., North Irish Horse, from 21/5—19/6/16.

ARTILLERY :—

H.Q., R.A., 53rd (Welsh) Div., I Welsh (How.) Bde.
(2 Bties. 4, 4.5″ H. each),

II Welsh Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

Cheshire Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

IV Welsh Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

53rd (Welsh) D.A.C.

In Oct. 1915 the Bties. had been re-armed with 4.5″ Hows. and 18-pdr. Q.F.s. On 20/11/15 the Bdes. began embkg. for France and disembkd. at le Havre between 21–25/11/15, and concentrated in the 32nd Div. area around Pont Remy (on the Somme) between 22–26/11/15. The 53rd Div. Artillery remained attached to the 32nd Div. until 27/12/15. On 1/2/16 the 53rd Div. Arty., with a party (1 offr. and 34 o.r.) from 53rd D.A.C., began entraining at Pont Remy for Marseille, disembkd. at Alexandria on 11/2/16, and completed concentration in Egypt with the 53rd (Welsh) Div. on 22/2/16. (53rd D.A.C. with 54th D.A.C. became 55th D.A.C. in France on 29/1/16).

536 (H.) Bty., R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ Hows.) disembkd. at le Havre on 6/10/16 and joined CLV on 10/10/16 (note 36).

133 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4, 4.7″) was attached to the 32nd Div. The Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 27/5/16, and joined XLVIII H.A.G. on 29/5/16.

PIONEERS :—12/L.N.L. (P.), from 60th Div., served with 32nd Div. (as Pioneer Bn.) from 16/11/16—5/1/17. Bn. embkd. at Marseille on 12/1/17, disembkd. at Salonika on 23/1/17, and rejoined 60th Div. (as Pioneer Bn.) at Sneveе on 13/2/17.

Other Units :—72nd Sanitary Section left Chelsea on 10/11/15, moved to Codford, and joined 32nd Div.; Section disembkd. at le Havre on 25/11/15. On 17/4/17 Section was transferred to a IV Corps Sanitary Area.

32nd Div. Motor Ambce Workshop was raised for 26th Div. and went to France with 26th Div. in Sept. 1915. Workshop left 26th Div. on 13/11/15 and moved to Doullens. Workshop joined 32nd Div. on 20/11/15 and title of unit was changed to 32nd Div. M.A.W. On 6/4/16 the Workshop was disbanded, and the personnel was transferred to and absorbed by 32nd Div. Supply Coln.

On 22/2/18 the reorganization of the 32nd Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 22/2/18 the pioneer battalion (16/H.L.I.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

32ND DIVISION [1]

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 May (England)	95th[4]; [3] ..	14/R. War., 15/R. War., 16/R. War., 12/Glouc.	B Sqdn.,[6] S. Ir. Horse. 32nd Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLXV[8]; [9]	A, B, C, D	CLXV B.A.C.[9]	...	...	32nd D.A.C.[10]	206th[11] 218th[11] 219th[11]	32nd[12]	17/ N.F. (P.)[13]	...	96th[14] 97th[14] 98th[14]	42nd[15]	...	32nd[16]
	96th[2]; [4] ..	16/N.F., 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 19/L.F.		CLXIX[8]; [9]	A, B, C, D	CLXIX B.A.C.[9]											
	97th[2]; [5] ..	11/Bord., 15/H.L.I., 16/H.L.I., 17/H.L.I.		CLXX[8]; [9]	A, B, C, D	CLXX B.A.C.[9]											
				CLXXI (H.) [8]; [9]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXI (H.) B.A.C.[9]											
1915 December (France)	95th[17]	14/R. War.,[17] 15/R. War.,[17] 16/R. War.,[17] 12/Glouc.[17]	B Sqdn.,[20] S. Ir. Horse. 32nd Div. Cyclist Coy.[21]	CLV[22]; [23]	A, B, C, D	CLV B.A.C.[23]	...	...	32nd D.A.C.[24]	206th 218th 219th	32nd	17/ N.F. (P.)	...	90th[27] 91st[27] 92nd[27]	42nd	...	32nd[14]
	96th	16/N.F., 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 19/L.F.[18]		CLXI[23]; [24]	A, B, C, D	CLXI B.A.C.[23]											
	97th	11/Bord., 15/H.L.I.,[19] 16/H.L.I., 17/H.L.I.		CLXIV (H.) [23]; [25]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXIV (H.)[23] B.A.C.											
				CLXVIII [23]; [26]	A, B, C, D	CLXVIII B.A.C.[23]											
1916 June (France)	14th[28]	5/6/R. Scots,[29] 1/Dorset.,[30] 2/Manch.,[31] 15/H.L.I.;[19] 14th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[32] 14th T.M. Bty.[33]	...	CLV[23]; [28]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[48]	X.32[40] Y.32[40] Z.32[40]	V.32[41] W.32[41]	32nd D.A.C.[42]	206th 218th 219th	32nd	17/ N.F. (P.)[43]	...	90th 91st 92nd	42nd	...	32nd[44]
	96th	16/N.F., 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 2/R. Innis. F.;[34] 96th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[32] 96th T.M. Bty.[33]		CLXI[24]; [27]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
				CLXIV[25]; [35]...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	97th	11/Bord., 2/K.O.Y.L.I.,[36] 16/H.L.I., 17/H.L.I.; 97th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[32] 97th T.M. Bty.[33]		CLXVIII [26]; [30]	A, B, C												
1917 June (France)	14th	5/6/R. Scots, 1/Dorset., 2/Manch.,[45] 15/H.L.I.; 14th M.G. Coy.;[55] 14th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXI[37].....	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.32[50] Y.32[50] Z.32[50]	V.32[51]	32nd D.A.C.	206th 218th 219th	32nd	...[45]	219th[52] M.G. Coy.	90th 91st 92nd	42nd	229th[53]	32nd
	96th	16/N.F.,[46] 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 2/R. Innis. F.;[47] 96th M.G. Coy.;[55] 96th T.M. Bty.		CLXVIII[38]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	97th	11/Bord., 2/K.O.Y.L.I., 16/H.L.I.,[46] 17/H.L.I.;[49] 97th M.G. Coy.;[55] 97th T.M. Bty.															

		M.G. Coy.;[55] 97th T.M. Bty.															
1918 March (France)	14th ..... 96th 97th	5/6/R. Scots, 1/Dorset., 15/H.L.I.; 14th T.M. Bty. 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 2/Manch.;[45] 96th T.M. Bty. 11/Bord.,[56] 2/K.O.Y.L.I., 10/A. & S.H.;[54] 97th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXI ..... CLXVIII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.32[50] Y.32[50]	...	32nd D.A.C.	206th 218th 219th	32nd	16/H.L.I.[49] (P.)	No. 32 Bn.,[53] M.G.C.	90th 91st 92nd	42nd	229th	32nd
1918 May (France)	14th ..... 96th 97th	5/6/R. Scots, 1/Dorset., 15/H.L.I.; 14th T.M. Bty. 15/L.F., 16/L.F., 2/Manch.; 96th T.M. Bty. 1/5/Bord.,[56] 2/K.O.Y.L.I., 10/A. & S.H.; 97th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXI ..... CLXVIII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.32 Y.32	...	32nd D.A.C.	206th 218th 219th	32nd	16/H.L.I. (P.)	No. 32 Bn., M.G.C.	90th 91st 92nd	42nd	229th	32nd

NOTES

[1] Raised as 39th Div.; became 32nd Div. on 27/4/15.

[2] 95th & 97th Bdes. were raised as 116th & 117th Bdes. (in original 39th Div.), they were renumbered on 27/4/15; at the same time 118th Bde. was transferred to 33rd (formerly 40th) Div. and then renumbered 98th; and, to take its place, 122nd Bde. from 34th (formerly 41st) Div. joined 32nd Div. and became 96th Bde.

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Birmingham, and Bristol.

[4] The battalions were designated: Newcastle, and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Salford.

[5] The battalions were designated: Lonsdale, and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Glasgow.

[6] Joined Div. in England; disembkd. at le Havre on 25/11/15.

[7] Formed at Wensley on 10/8/15; reached Codford on 24/8/15; disembkd. at le Havre on 22/11/15.

[8] The Divnl. Artillery was designated: 2nd County Palatine. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. The 4 Bdes. were raised by the Earl of Derby between 29/4–21/5/15 at Lytham and St. Annes on Sea

[9] On 14/11/15 32nd Div. Arty. was informed it would remain in England on departure of 32nd Div. to France, and the Arty. was to follow in Dec. 1915. On 2/12/15 orders arrived for the transfer of the 32nd Div. Arty. (H.Q., 4 Bdes. & B.A.C.s, and D.A.C.) to the 31st Div.; the Arty. then joined 31st Divn. on embkn. for Egypt in Dec. 1915, and the Arty. thereafter served with the 31st Div. (in Egypt & France).

[10] Formed at Heytesbury on 10/9/15, and in Dec. 1915 was transferred to the 31st Div. (see note 9).

[11] The 3 Field Cos. were designated: Glasgow; they joined the Div. in England, and disembkd. at le Havre between 23–25/11/15.

[12] The Signal Coy. was designated: Reading; it joined the Div. in England, and disembkd. at le Havre between 21–23/11/15.

[13] The Bn. was designated on 11/1/15: N.E.R. Pioneers; it joined the Div. in England, and disembkd. at le Havre on 21/11/15.

[14] The 3 Fd. Ambces. were raised for the original 32nd Div.; in June 1915 they joined the new 32nd Div. (originally 39th Div.—note 1), and on 2/11/15 were transferred to the 30th Div., with which they served for the rest of the War.

[15] Joined Div. in England, and disembkd. at le Havre on 25/11/15.

[16] The Train (221, 222, 223, & 224 Cos., A.S.C.) joined the Div. in England and served until Nov. 1915 with the 32nd Div.; but on the embkn. of the 32nd Div. for France the Train remained in England. In March 1916 32nd Div. Train (H.Q., 221, 222, & 223 Cos., A.S.C.) moved to France; the Train was completed with 279 Coy., A.S.C. (formerly R.N. Div. Supply Coln.), joined 31st Div. at Hallencourt on 14 & 15/3/16, and became 31st Div. Train.

[17] On 26/12/15 the Bde. Staff and 4 Bns. of the 95th Bde. were transferred in exchange for the Bde Staff of the 14th Bde. and 4 Bns. of the 5th Div. At noon on 12/1/16 the reconstituted 14th Bde., 5th Div., was designated 95th Bde.

[18] Bn. was transferred to 14th Bde., 32nd Div., on 5/1/16; on 29/7/16 Bn. was transferred from 14th Bde. to G.H.Q. Troops; and on 7/8/16 Bn. became Pioneer Bn. of the 49th Div.

[19] Bn. was transferred to 14th Bde., 32nd Div., on 3/1/16.

[20] Sqdn. left Div. on 14/5/16 and joined XV Corps Cav. Regt.

NOTES—*continued*

[21] Coy. left Div. on 31/5/16, joined X Corps Cyclist Bn., and became A Coy.

[22] H.Q., R.A., the four Bdes. (CLV, CLXI, CLXIV (H.), CLXVIII) with the four B.A.C.s and the D.A.C. were raised for the 31st Div, but left the 31st Div. in England on 2/12/15 and moved to Larkhill. Between 30/12/15–3/1/16 this Divnl. Arty. (H.Q., 4 Bdes., 4 B.A.C.s, & D.A.C.) joined 32nd Div. in France and became 32nd Div. Arty.

[23] On 26/5/16 D Bty. left and became A/CLXIV; and A (H.)/CLXIV joined and became D (H.)/CLV.

[24] On 26/5/16 D Bty. left and became B/CLXIV; and B (H.)/CLXIV joined and became D (H.)/CLXI.

[25] On 16/2/16 D (H.) was transferred to 49th Div., joined IV W. Rid. (H.) Bde., and became D (H.)/IV W. Rid. (H.) Bde. On 26/5/16 A (H.) & B (H.) left CLXIV and became D (H.)/CLV and D (H.)/CLXI; C (H.)/CLXIV became D (H.)/CLXIV, and D/CLV, D/CLXI, and D/CLXVIII joined and became A, B, & C/CLXIV.

[26] On 26/5/16 D Bty. left and became C/CLXIV.

[27] The 3 Fd. Ambces. were raised for the original 30th Div. (App. 1A). In November 1915 the 3 Fd. Ambces. joined the 32nd Div. (formerly 39th Div.—note 1) in England; and the 3 Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at le Havre between 21–23/11/15.

[28] Between 24–31/12/15 the Bde. Staff of the 14th Bde., 5th Div., and 4 Bns. of the 5th Div. were transferred in exchange for the Bde. Staff and the 4 Bns. of the 95th Bde., 32nd Div. (note 17). On 7/1/16 the reconstituted 95th Bde. in the 32nd Div. was designated 14th Bde.

[29] **1/5/R. Scots** served in Gallipoli, Egypt, and France with 88th Bde., 29th Div., until 24/4/16, when the Bn. was transferred to L. of C., France. **1/6/R. Scots** served in Egypt with Western Frontier Force from 21/11/15–27/2/16; left Egypt 8/5/16, disembkd. at Marseille 16/5/16, amalgamated with 1/5/R. Scots on 15/6/16, and Bn. was designated 5/6/R. Scots, On 29/7/16 5/6/R. Scots joined 14th Bde. at Bethune.

[30] On 31/12/15 Bn. was transferred from 15th Bde., 5th Div., to 95th Bde. (later 14th Bde.), 32nd Div.

[31] On 30/12/15 Bn. was transferred from 14th Bde., 5th Div., to 95th Bde. (later 14th Bde.), 32nd Div.

[32] Bde. M.G. Cos. were formed;

14th—by Feb. 1916;

96th and 97th—left Grantham on 10/3/16; disembkd. at le Havre on 11/3/16, and the M.G. Cos. joined 96th and 97th Bdes. on 15/3/16.

[33] Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were formed:

14th—14/1 & 14/2 by 26/3/16, they became 14th T.M. Bty. on 16/6/16;

96th—96/1 by 15/3/16, 96/2 by 22/4/16, they became 96th T.M. Bty. by 21/6/16;

97th—97/1 by 15/4/16, 97/2 joined on 8/4/16, they became 97th T.M. Bty. on 17/6/16.

[34] Bn. joined 14th Bde., 5th Div. (from Third Army Troops) on 18/11/15; and on 24/12/15 Bn. was transferred to 96th Bde., 32nd Div.

[35] On 28/12/15 Bn. was transferred from 13th Bde., 5th Div., to the 97th Bde., 32nd Div.

[36] On 15–17/9/16 the Bde. was reorganized: A was split up between B & C to make up B & C to 6 18-pdrs. each, and C then became A. On 10/10/16 536 (H.) Bty. joined from England and became C (H.)/CLV. On 20/1/17 CLV became an A.F.A. Bde.; C (H.) was split up and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CLXI and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CLXVIII to 6 hows. each; on 25/1/17 1 sec. 517 (H.) joined from CLXIX Bde. (31st Div.) and made up D (H.)/CLV to 6 hows.; and on 10/2/17 A/CCCVIII joined from 61st Div. and became C/CLV.

[37] On 17/9/16 the Bde. was reorganized: A was made up to 6 18-pdrs. by 1 sec. A/CLXIV, B was made up by 1 sec. A/CLXIV, and C by 1 sec. C/CLXVIII. On 20/1/17 1 sec. C (H.)/CLV joined and made up D (H.)/CLXI to 6 hows.

[38] On 17/9/16 the Bde. was broken up: A was transferred to CLXI to make up A & B/CLXI to 6 18-pdrs. each; B with 1 sec. C/CLXVIII became C/CLXVIII; C with 1 sec. A/CLXVIII became A/CLXVIII; and D (H.) became D (H.)/CLXVIII.

[39] On 15–17/9/16 the Bde. was reorganized: C/CLXIV and 1 sec. A/CLXVIII became A/CLXVIII; B was made up to 6 18-pdrs. by 1 sec. A/CLXVIII; B/CLXIV and 1 sec. C/CLXVIII became C/CLXVIII; and 1 sec. C/CLXVIII made up C/CLXI to 6 18-pdrs. On 17/9/16 D (H.)/CLXIV joined and became D (H.)/CLXVIII; and on 20/1/17 1 sec. C (H.)/CLV joined and made up D (H.)/CLXVIII to 6 hows.

[40] Formed by May 1916.

[41] Formed by June 1916. On 28/12/16 W was broken up.

[42] On 26/5/16 the D.A.C. was reorganized and the B.A.C.s were abolished.

[43] On 19/10/16 Pioneer Bn. left Div. and joined G.H.Q. Rly. Construction Troops until 31/8/17; Bn. rejoined Div. at Ghyvelde on 2/9/17, served with Div. until 15/11/17, and then became again G.H.Q. Rly. Constrn. Troops. On 31/5/18 Bn. was posted tempy. to 52nd Div. as Pioneer Bn., and on 30/6/18 Bn. was posted permanently to 52nd Div.

[44] The Train (202, 203, 204, 205 Cos., A.S.C.) went to France with 26th Div., disembkg. at le Havre on 19–21/9/15. When 26th Div. left France in Nov. 1915 for Macedonia, the Train remained in France; on 20/11/15 the Train joined 32nd Div. near Ailly le Haut Clocher, and on 25/11/15 was designated 32nd Div. Train.

[45] On 6/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 96th Bde.

[46] On 7/2/18 Bn. was disbanded; A Coy. went to 1/4/N.F., B Coy. to 1/5/N.F., C Coy. to 1/6/N.F. in 50th Div.; D Coy. to 1/7/N.F. in 42nd Div.; and remdr. to 13/Entg. Bn.

[47] Bn. left 32nd Div. on 31/1/18 and joined 109th Bde., 36th Div., on 3/2/18.

[48] On 22/2/18 Bn. became Divnl. Pioneer Bn.

[49] On 11/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: larger portion was drafted, and surplus went to 13/Entg. Bn.

[50] On 12/2/18 the 6" Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized: V (Heavy) ceased to exist and became X; old X was broken up to complete V (new X) and new Y; new Y was made up of old Y, Z, and part of old X. Old Z ceased to exist and was merged in new Y. New X and Y had 6, 6" Medium T.M.s each.

[51] On 12/2/18 V Heavy T.M. Bty. ceased to exist and became X Medium T.M. Bty. (note 50).

[52] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre 16/3/17 and joined Div. at Nesle on 25/3/17.

[53] Formed by 4/6/17.

[54] Bn. left 26th Bde., 9th Div., on 15/2/18 and joined 97th Bde. on 17/2/18.

[55] Bn. formed on 21/2/18; it consisted of 14th, 96th, 97th, and 219th M.G. Cos.

[56] On 7/5/18 **1/5/Bord.** was transferred from Pioneer Bn., 66th Div., to 97th Bde., 32nd Div. 1/5/Bord. had served on L. of C., France, from 26/10/14; with 50th Div. (149th and 151st Bdes.) from 5/5/15–12/2/18; and with 66th Div. (Pioneer Bn.) from 13/2–7/5/18.

11/Bord. (97th Bde.) was reduced to T.C. on 10/5/18, and the remdr. (10 offrs. & 123 o.r.) was then absorbed by 1/5/Bord. (in 97th Bde.). The T.C., 11/Bord. was transferred to the 66th Div. and served with the 66th Div. from 13/5–31/7/18. The T.C., 11/Bord. was then absorbed by 1/5/Bord. (in 97th Bde.).

32ND DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, & ENGAGEMENTS.

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 39th Division and its infantry brigades (116th, 117th, and 118th). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th–26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th–35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 39th Division became the 32nd Division; at the same time the 116th and 117th Brigades were renumbered 95th and 97th. The 118th Brigade was transferred to the (renumbered) 33rd Division and then became the 98th Brigade; its place in the 32nd Division was taken by the 122nd Brigade from the original 41st (later 34th) Division, and on arrival this Brigade received the number 96th (see Appendix 2.)

In the 95th Brigade the sub-titles of the battalions were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Birmingham (14/, 15/, and 16/R. Warwickshire) and Bristol (12/Glouc.); in the 96th Brigade the sub-titles were Newcastle (16/N.F.) and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Salford (15/, 16/, and 19/L.F.); and in the 97th Brigade they were Lonsdale (11/Border) and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Glasgow (15/, 16/, and 17/H.L.I.). Some really expeditious work was accomplished: 15/H.L.I. was raised in 16 hours on Sunday the 13th September 1914; and 17/N.F. (later the pioneer battalion, raised at Hull and designated N.E.R. Pioneers) was completely equipped in 80 days after the first recruit had been enlisted. In April and May 1915 the Earl of Derby raised the four artillery brigades in Lytham (2) and St. Annes (2), and the divisional artillery received the designation of 2nd County Palatine. The field companies came from Glasgow and the signal company from Reading.

At first the men were billeted at home. Until uniforms were available various devices were used to distinguish the recruits of the different units, *e.g.*, one battalion had a piece of red cord round the right shoulder, another had an armlet on the left arm, etc. In some cases, whilst waiting for khaki, dull bluish-grey uniforms were provided for the men.

As soon as possible the Glasgow battalions (15/, 16/, & 17/H.L.I.) were sent to Gailes on the Ayrshire coast and the men were placed under canvas until huts could be constructed. Another battalion (11/Border) was encamped at Blackhall; but the November rains turned the place into a sea of mud and prevented the carpenters from working on the huts; consequently, until Christmas, the men had to be quartered in the Grand Stand, in the stabling, and in various temporary shelters on the racecourse. When the fine weather broke 11/Border received 1,000 great-coats and 1,000 blankets from the Earl of Lonsdale, and by March 1915 the battalion reached full strength—1,350 (this included the depot company of 250).

In May 1915 the infantry brigades were moved into Shropshire. Unfortunately, the ground at Prees Heath was found to be unsuitable for brigade training and in the latter half of June the three brigades moved to Yorkshire; two were then quartered at Wensley, but the other brigade was at Richmond (10 miles away). Brigade training now started in earnest, and from this time begins the real history of the 32nd Division.

At the end of July the battalions started a weekly musketry course at Strensall, although in many cases worn and defective rifles had to be used. Until this course of musketry opened, several units had only been able to carry out perfunctory shooting on miniature ranges with .22" ammunition. In August the 32nd Division moved to Codford (Salisbury Plain), and began early in September the final stages of training for the field.

On the 11th November orders were received for the move of the Division to France and the first advance party left on the 12th. On the 14th the Division was informed that its Divisional Artillery would remain in England and be replaced by the 31st Division Artillery (see Table and notes 9 & 22). On the 19th, the day on which the Division began to entrain for the ports of embarkation, a farewell message was received from H.M. the King. The Division crossed to France and on the 26th November completed its concentration around Ailly le Haut Clocher, to the north of the Somme (see General Notes, under Artillery). Throughout the remainder of the Great War the 32nd Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

1915

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

1–3 July	**Battle of Albert** [X Corps, Fourth Army].
14 and 15 July	**Battle of Bazentin Ridge** [X Corps, Reserve Army].
23 Oct.–11 Nov.	**Battle of the Ancre Heights** [In reserve, II Corps, Reserve Army].
17–19 Nov.	**Battle of the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].

1917

11 Jan.–15 Feb. ...	**Operations on the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].
14 March–5 April ...	**German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [IV Corps, Fourth Army].
20 June–7 Oct.	**Operations on the Flanders Coast** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].
10 and 11 July	**Defence of Nieuport** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

28 March	**First Battle of Arras** (97th Bde., attached 31st Div.) [VI Corps, Third Army].
3 April	**Capture of Ayette** (14th & 96th Bdes.) [VI Corps, Third Army].
5 April	**Battle of the Ancre** [VI Corps, Third Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

10 and 11 August ...	**Battle of Amiens** [Cdn. Corps, Fourth Army].

SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 August	**Battle of Albert** [Aus. Corps, Fourth Army].
31 Aug.–3 Sept.	**Second Battle of Bapaume** [Aus. Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

29 Sept.–2 Oct.	**Battle of the St. Quentin Canal** [IX Corps, Fourth Army].
3 and 4 October ...	**Battle of the Beaurevoir Line** [IX Corps, Fourth Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

4 November	**Battle of the Sambre** [IX Corps, Fourth Army].
4 November	**Passage of the Sambre—Oise Canal.**

The advance eastward continued; le Grand Fayt was occupied on the 6th, Avesnes was captured on the 8th, and at 11 a.m. on the 11th November, when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, the 32nd Division occupied Avesnes, covered by an outpost line through Semeries (3 miles to the east of Avesnes).

On the 13th November the Division was informed that it would take part in the advance to the Rhine, and on the 15th it concentrated to the south-east of Avesnes. The advance began on the 19th November; but on the 15th December the Division halted on the Meuse between Dinant and Namur, to act as part of the reserve to the Army in Germany. Divisional headquarters were at Bioul.

From the 22nd to the 25th January 1919 H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stayed with the 32nd Division and visited the units. On the 28th the Division began entraining for Bonn, and on the 3rd February it took over the southern sector of the Cologne bridgehead. On the 15th March the history of the 32nd Division came to an end when it was renamed The Lancashire Division. During the Great War the 32nd Division lost 34,226 killed, wounded, and missing.

NOTE.—Between 25/2–19/3/19 16/H.L.I.(P.), 15/H.L.I., 10/A. & S.H., 5/6/R.S., 2/Manch., 2/K.O.Y.L.I., and 1/Dorset., left the Division; the battalions were replaced by 12/L.N.L.(P.), 13/King's, 53/Manch., 51/King's, 51/Manch., 52/Manch., and 52/King's.

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G.O.C.

1 July 1915	Br.-Gen. R. G. Gordon-Gilmour (acting).
9 July 1915	Major-General F. S. Maude.
20 August 1915	Br.-Gen. R. G. Gordon-Gilmour (acting).
25 August 1915	Br.-Gen. R. H. Twigg (acting).
27 August 1915	Major-General G. H. Thesiger.
7 September 1915	Br.-Gen. R. H. Twigg (acting).
16 September 1915	Major-General H. J. S. Landon.
23 September 1916	Major-General R. J. Pinney (injured, 2/9/17).
2 September 1917	Br.-Gen. P. R. Wood (tempy.).
12 September 1917	Major-General P. R. Wood.
28 November 1917	Major-General R. J. Pinney.

G.S.O.1.

1 July 1915	Major W. H. Traill (acting).
19 July 1915	Lt.-Col. A. Symons.
25 Sept. 1916	Lt.-Col. D. Forster (wd., 5/9/17).
5 Sept. 1917	Major H. D. Denison-Pender (acting).
9 Sept. 1917	Lt.-Col. W. J. Maxwell Scott.
24 Dec. 1917	Lt.-Col. E. C. Gepp.
1 June 1918	Lt.-Col. M. O. Clarke.
24 July 1918	Lt.-Col. E. A. Osborne.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

1 July 1915	Lt.-Col. R. S. Stewart.
30 Aug. 1915	Major C. F. Alleyne (acting).
18 Sept. 1915	Lt.-Col. H. B. des V. Wilkinson (sick, 16/12/15).
16 Dec. 1915	Major C. F. Alleyne (acting).
25 Dec. 1915	Lt.-Col. P. R. C. Commings.
30 Oct. 1917	Lt.-Col. E. C. Packe.
8 Feb. 1918	Lt.-Col. J. G. Ramsay.

B.-G., R.A.

9 July 1915	Br.-Gen. W. H. Suart.
12 Nov. 1915	Br.-Gen. C. F. Blane.
21 Mar. 1917	Br.-Gen. C. G. Stewart.
29 July 1918	Br.-Gen. G. H. W. Nicholson.

C.R.E.

3 Aug. 1915	Lt.-Col. F. E. G. Skey (sick, 3/4/16).
3 April 1916	Captain W. Garforth (acting).
24 April 1916	Lt.-Col. F. M. Westropp.
30 Oct. 1916	Lt.-Col. G. F. Evans.
[22 Nov. 1918	Lt.-Col. H. L. Bingay].

33RD DIVISION

98th BDE.
(originally 118th Bde.)

22 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. R. G. GORDON-GILMOUR.
16 Nov. '15...Br.-Gen. E. P. STRICKLAND.
11 June '16...Lt.-Col. H. C. COPEMAN (acting).
12 June '16...Br.-Gen. F. M. CARLETON.
28 Aug. '16...Br.-Gen. C. R. G. MAYNE (tempy.).
1 Sept. '16...Br.-Gen. J. D. HERIOT-MAITLAND.
8 Nov. '18...Br.-Gen. L. J. WYATT.

99th BDE.
(originally 120th Bde.)

19 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. R. O. KELLETT.

(On 25/11/15 the Bde. was transferred to the 2nd Division).

19th BDE.

(On 25/11/15 the Bde. joined from the 2nd Division).

[14 June '15]...Br.-Gen. P. R. ROBERTSON.
13 July '16...Br.-Gen. C. R. G. MAYNE.
28 Aug. '16...Lt.-Col. J. G. CHAPLIN (acting).
31 Aug. '16...Br.-Gen. C. R. G. MAYNE.
8 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. ST. B. R. SLADEN (acting; killed, 12/3/18).
12 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. H. STORR (acting; wd., 13/3/18).
13 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. H. B. SPENS (acting).
25 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. C. R. G. MAYNE.

100th BDE.
(originally 119th Bde.)

19 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. R. H. TWIGG.
5 Feb. '16...Lt.-Col. O. DE L. WILLIAMS (acting).
19 Feb. '16...Br.-Gen. A. W. F. BAIRD.

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 33rd Division :—

ARTILLERY :—

H.Q., R.A., 54th (East Anglian) Div.,
I E. Anglian Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

II E. Anglian Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

III E. Anglian (How.) Bde.
(2 Bties. 4, 4.5″ H. each),

IV E. Anglian Bde.
(3 Bties. 4, 18-pdrs. each),

54th (E. Anglian) D.A.C.

Before leaving England the Bties. were rearmed with 18-pdrs. and 4.5″ Hows. On 8/11/15 33rd Division was informed that the 54th (E. Anglian) Div. Arty. would move to France with the 33rd Division and be attached until relieved in France by the 33rd Div. Artillery. On 17/11/15 the 54th Div. Arty. began to embark at Southampton and on 21/11/15 it had concentrated around Blaringhem with the 33rd Div. 54th (E. Anglian) Div. Arty. left 33rd Div. on 12/12/15. 54th Div. Arty. began to move to Marseille on 11/1/16, began embkn. on 30/1/16, and completed disembkn. at Alexandria on 14/2/16. 54th Div. Arty. rejoined 54th Div. at Mena Camp (Cairo) between 8–15/2/16. (On 29/1/16 54th D.A.C. took over equipt. and horses from 53rd D.A.C. and became 55th D.A.C. ; 1 offr. & 34 o.r. from 54th D.A.C. accompanied 54th Div. Artillery to Egypt.)

126 (Camberwell) Heavy Battery (4, 60-pdrs) was raised in 1915, in Camberwell, at the same time as the 33rd Div. Artillery. The Heavy Battery disembkd. at le Havre on 29/4/16, and joined XXII H.A. Group on 2/5/16.

INFANTRY :—1/6/Scottish Rifles, joined 23rd Bde., 8th Div., from U.K. on 24/3/15, was transferred to 154th Bde., 51st Div., on 2/6/15, and was transferred to 51st Div. Troops on 12/1/16 and trained as Pioneers. On 21/2/16 Bn. was transferred to 33rd Div., and on 25/2/16 Bn. was posted to and joined 100th Bde. (see note 32).

MACHINE-GUN UNIT :—19th Motor-Machine-Gun Battery joined the Div. in England on 9/11/15. The Battery went to France independently and disembkd. at le Havre on 6/2/16.

OTHER UNITS :—73rd Sanitary Section joined the Div. in England, went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 18/11/15. The Sany. Sec. was transferred on 31/3/17 to XV Corps.

33rd Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop joined the Div. in England, went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 18/11/15 (vehicles disembkd. at Rouen on 19/11/15). On 24/11/15 the Workshop reached Busnes and rejoined 33rd Div. On 31/3/16 the Workshop was absorbed by 33rd Div. Supply Column.

On 15/2/18 the reorganization of the 33rd Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 22/2/18 the pioneer battalion (18/Middx.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

33RD DIVISION [1]

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.		Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
				Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy									
1915 May (England)	98th[3]; [3] ..	18/R.F., 19/R.F., 20/R.F., 21/R.F.	F Sqdn.,[6,12] N. Ir. Horse. 33rd Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLVI[8]	A, B, C, D	CLVI B.A.C.	...	...	33rd D.A.C.[8]	212th[9]	33rd[10]	18/ Middx.[11] (P.)	...	99th[12]	43rd[13]	...	33rd[14]
	99th[3]; [4] ..	17/R.F., 22/R.F., 23/R.F., 24/R.F.		CLXII[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXII B.A.C.				222nd[9]				100th[12]			
				CLXVI[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXVI B.A.C.				226th[9]				101st[12]			
	100th[3]; [5] ...	13/Essex, 16/Middx., 17/ Middx., 16/K.R.R.C.		CLXVII (H.)[8].	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXVII (H.) B.A.C.											
1915 November (France)	98th	18/R.F.,[15] 19/R.F.,[16] 20/ R.F.,[17] 21/R.F.[18]	B Sqdn.,[83] N. Ir. Horse. 33rd Div. Cyclist Coy.[84]	CLVI[85]	A, B, C, D	CLVI B.A.C.	..:	...	33rd D.A.C.	212th	33rd[19]	18/ Middx. (P.)	...	99th	43rd	...	33rd[19; 20]
				CLXII[86]	A, B, C, D	CLXII B.A.C.				222nd				100th[19]			
				CLXVI[87]	A, B, C, D	CLXVI B.A.C.				226th[20]				101st			
	99th[19]	17/R.F., 22/R.F., 23/R.F., 24/R.F.		CLXVII (H.)[88]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXVII (H.) B.A.C.											
	100th	13/Essex,[20] 16/Middx.,[21] 17/ Middx.,[22] 16/K.R.R.C.															
1916 June (France)	19th[21]	20/R.F.,[17] 2/R.W.F., 1/Sco. Rif., 5/6/Sco. Rif.;[23] 19th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 19th T.M. Bty.[24]	...	CLVI[25]; [43]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[48]	X.33[45] Y.33[45] Z.33[46]	V.33[47]	33rd D.A.C.[40]	11th[49] 212th 222nd	33rd[21]	18/ Middx. (P.)	...	19th[21] 99th 101st	43rd	...	33rd[21]
	98th	4/King's,[25] 1/4/Suff.,[26] 1/ Middx.,[27] 2/A. & S. H.;[28] 98th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 98th T.M. Bty.[24]		CLXII[26]; [43]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	100th	1/Queen's,[29] 2/Worc.,[30] 16/ K.R.R.C., 1/9/H.L.I.;[31] 100th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 100th T.M. Bty.[24]		CLXVI[27]; [44] ...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
				CLXVII[28]; [45]	A, B, C												
1917 June (France)	19th	20/R.F.,[50] 2/R.W.F.,[51] 1/Sco. Rif., 5/6/Sco. Rif.; 19th M.G. Coy.;[52] 19th T.M. Bty.	...	CLVI.....	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.33[53] Y.33[54] Z.33[54]	V.33[55]	33rd D.A.C.	11th 212th 222nd	33rd	18/ Middx. (P.)	248th M.G. Coy.[56]	19th 99th 101st	43rd	230th[57]	33rd[58]
	98th	4/King's, 1/4/Suff.,[53] 1/Middx., 2/A. & S.H.; 98th M.G. Coy.;[52] 98th T.M. Bty.		CLXII	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	100th	1/Queen's,[53] 2/Worc., 16/ K.R.R.C., 1/9/H.L.I.; 100th M.G. Coy.;[52] 100th T.M. Bty.															

		K.R.R.C., 1/9/H.L.I., 100th M.G. Coy.;[30] 100th T.M. Bty.																
1918 March (France)	19th ..... 98th 100th	1/Queen's,[32] 1/Sco. Rif., 5/6/Sco. Rif.; 19th T.M. Bty. 4/King's, 1/Middx., 2/A. & S.H.; 98th T.M. Bty. 2/Worc., 16/K.R.R.C., 1/9/H.L.I.; 100th T.M. Bty.	...	CLVI..... CLXII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.33[34] Y.33[34]	...[35]	33rd D.A.C.	11th 212th 222nd	33rd	18/Middx. (P.)	No. 33 Bn.,[39] M.G.C.	19th 99th 101st	43rd	230th	33rd

NOTES

[1] Raised as 40th Div.; became 33rd Division on 27/4/15.

[2] 99th & 100th Bdes. were raised as 120th & 119th Bdes. (in original 40th Div.), they were renumbered on 27/4/15; at the same time 121st Bde. was transferred to the newly-formed 39th Div., and renumbered 116th; and the 118th Bde. from the 32nd (formerly 39th) Div. joined 33rd Div. and became 98th Bde. 98th & 99th Bdes. concentrated at Clipstone Camp by 1/7/15, & 100th Bde. arrived between 4–13/7/15.

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Public Schools.

[4] The battalions were designated: Empire, Kensington, and 1st & 2nd Sportsman.

[5] The battalions were designated: West Ham, Public Schools, 1st Football, and Church Lads Bde.

[6] Joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre on 18/11/15.

[7] Coy. was formed 20–26/7/15, and disembkd. at le Havre on 16 & 17/11/15.

[8] The Divnl. Artillery was designated: Camberwell. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. The 4 Bdes. and D.A.C. were raised in Camberwell between 14/1–1/6/15. The Divnl. Artillery reached Bulford 5–10/8/15; embkd. at Southampton on 12–13/12/15 and completed its concentration at Aire and Thiennes at 2.30 p.m., 16/12/15.

[9] The 3 Fd. Cos. were designated: Tottenham. 212th and 222nd joined at Clipstone Camp on 14/7/15, and 226th at Bulford on 31/7/15. The 3 Fd. Cos. disembkd. at le Havre on 17 & 18/11/15.

[10] The Sig. Coy. was designated: Tottenham; it joined at Bulford on 31/7/15.

[11] The Pioneer Bn. was designated: 1st Public Works. The Bn. arrived at Clipstone Camp on 13/7/15; it disembkd. at le Havre on 15/11/15.

[12] The 3 Fd. Ambces. (raised for the original 33rd Div.—App. 1D) joined the Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre 15–18/11/15.

[13] Joined Div. at Bulford on 16/9/15; disembkd. at le Havre on 18/11/15.

[14] Train (225, 226, 227, 228 Cos., A.S.C.) joined at Clipstone Camp on 7/7/15. In Nov. 1915 Train remained in England when 33rd Div. went to France. On 20/3/16 Train disembkd. in France, joined the 29th Div. on 24/3/16, and Train served with 29th Div. for the remdr. of the War.

[15] On 27/11/15 Bn. was transferred to 19th Inf. Bde.; and on 26/2/16 Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops, and was drafted.

[16] On 27/2/16 Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops and was drafted.

[17] On 27/11/15 Bn. was transferred to 19th Inf. Bde.

[18] On 28/2/16 Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops and was drafted.

[19] On 25/11/15 99th Inf. Bde. (17/, 22/, 23/, & 24/R.F.) with No. 3 Sec. Divnl. Sig. Coy., 100th Fd. Ambce., and No. 3 Coy. Divnl. Train (172 Coy.) were transferred to 2nd Div.

[20] On 22/12/15 Bn. was transferred to and joined 6th Bde., 2nd Div. Bn. was disbanded on 10/2/18.

[21] On 25/2/16 Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops; and on 25/4/16 Bn. joined 86th Bde., 29th Div. Bn. was disbanded on 11/2/18.

[22] On 8/12/15 Bn. was transferred to 6th Bde., 2nd Div. Bn. was disbanded on 10/2/18.

[23] On 25/5/16 the designation of the Sqdn. was changed from F to B. On 19/4/16 Sqdn. left the Div. and was attached to 1st Cav. Div. (20/4–12/5/16); 49th Div. (16–20/5/16); and 32nd Div. (21/5–19/6/16). On 21/6/16 Sqdn. joined X Corps Cav. Regt.

[24] On 19/4/16 Coy. left the Div. and was attached to 1st Cav. Div. (20/4–9/5/16). On 10/5/16 Coy. joined XI Corps Cyclist Bn.

[25] On 19/5/16 D Bty. left and became A/CLXVII; and A (H.)/CLXVII joined and became D (H.)/CLVI.

[26] On 19/5/16 D Bty. left and became B/CLXVII; and C (H.)/CLXVII joined and became D (H.)/CLXII.

[27] On 16/5/16 D Bty. left and became C/CLXVII; and D (H.)/CLXVII joined and became D (H.)/CLXVI.

[28] On 14/2/16 B (H.) Bty. and 1 subsec. CLXVII B.A.C. left CLXVII (H.) and joined 1/IV London (H.) Bde. in 56th Div. Between 16–20/5/16 CLXVII was reorganized: A (H.), C (H.), and D (H.) left and became D (H.)/CLVI, D (H.)/CLXII, and D (H.)/CLXVI; and D/CLVI, D/CLXII, and D/CLXVI joined and became A, B, and C/CLXVII.

[29] On 2/12/15 the Fd. Coy. was transferred to the 2nd Div.

[30] Train (170, 171, 172, 173 Cos., A.S.C.), formerly 1/London (56th) Div. Train, joined 28th Div. on 21/12/14 at Winchester as 28th Div. Train. The Train embkd. for France on 15/1/15. On 13/11/15 the Train (170—173 Cos.) was transferred, in France, from 28th Div. and became 33rd Div. Train.

[31] On 25/11/15 19th Inf. Bde. (2/R.W.F., 1/Sco. Rif., 1/Middx., 2/A. & S.H., & 5/Sco. Rif.) with Sec. 2nd Div. Signal Coy., 19th Fd. Ambce., and No. 2 Coy., 2nd Div. Train (8 Coy., A.S.C.) were transferred from 2nd Div. and joined 33rd Div.

[32] On 29/5/16 1/6/Sco. Rif. (see General Notes) was transferred from 100th Bde. to 19th Bde. and amalgamated with 1/5/Sco. Rif. in 19th Bde. (n.31); surplus went to G.H.Q. Troops. The joint Bn. was designated 5/6 Sco. Rif.

[33] Bde. M.G. Cos. joined Bdes. as follows:

19th—formed in the Bde. on 24/2/16;

98th—disembkd. at le Havre on 26/4/16, and joined Bde. on 28/4/16;

100th—left Grantham 25/4/16, disembkd. at le Havre 26/4/16, and joined Bde. on 28/4/16.

[34] Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were formed:

19th—19/1 (A/19 until 23/3/16) by 26/1/16, 19/2 (B/19 until 23/3/16) by 15/3/16, and they became 19th T.M. Bty. by 24/6/16;

98th—98/1 (A/98 until 26/3/16) by 27/1/16, 98/2 by 23/4/16, and they became 98th T.M. Bty. by 30/6/16;

100th—100th T.M. Bty. was formed by 13/6/16.

NOTES—*continued*

[35] Bn. disembkd. at le Havre 6/3/15, served with Lahore Div. 9/3–10/11/15, with 46th Div. 10/11–3/12/15, and with 19th Div. 3/12/15–25/2/16; then Bn. was transferred to 98th Bde., and Bn. joined 98th Bde. at Annequin on 27/2/16.

[36] Bn. disembkd. at le Havre 9/11/14, served with Lahore Div. 4/12/14–10/11/15, with 46th Div. 10–15/11/15, with 15th Div. 15/11/15–27/2/16; then Bn. was transferred to 98th Bde., and joined 98th Bde. on 28/2/16.

[37] On 27/11/15 Bn. joined 98th Bde. from 19th Bde.

[38] On 27/11/15 Bn. joined 98th Bde. from 19th Bde.

[39] On 15/12/15 Bn. joined 100th Bde. from 5th Bde., 2nd Div.

[40] On 20/12/15 Bn. joined 100th Bde. from 5th Bde., 2nd Div.

[41] Bn. served with 5th Bde., 2nd Div., 23/11/14–30/1/16; with G.H.Q. Troops 30/1–29/5/16; and Bn. then joined 100th Bde.

[42] On 12/9/16 A and ½ B/CLXVII joined and made up A, B, and C/CLVI to 6 18-pdrs. each. On 14/1/17 R. Sec. D (H.)/CLXVI joined and made up D (H.)/CLVI to 6 hows.

[43] On 12/9/16 ½ B and C/CLXVII joined: C/CLXVII and ½ A/CLXII made A/CLXII; ½ A/CLXII and B/CLXII made B/CLXII; and ½ B/CLXVII and C/CLXII made C/CLXII—each battery was then a 6-gun battery. On 14/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.)/CLXVI joined and made up D (H.)/CLXII to 6 hows.

[44] On 12/9/16 C Bty. was broken up to make up A and B to 6, 18-pdrs. each. On 14/1/17 CLXVI was broken up: A was transferred and became A/XXVI A.F.A. Bde.; B was transferred and became C/XCIII A.F.A. Bde. on 16/1/17; and D (H.) was split up: R. Sec. joined D (H.)/CLVI and L. Sec. joined D (H.)/CLXII, making the 2 batteries up to 6 hows. each.

[45] By noon 12/9/16 CLXVII was broken up: A and ½ B joined CLVI, and ½ B and C joined CLXII, to make up the 18-pdr. batteries of CLVI and CLXII to 6 18-pdrs. each (notes 42, 43).

[46] Medium T.M. Bties. were formed by 4/5/16.

[47] Heavy T.M. Bty. was formed on 29/5/16.

[48] On 22/5/16 the four B.A.C.s were absorbed in the D.A.C.; and the D.A.C. was reformed in H.Q. and 4 Sections.

[49] On 2/12/15 the Fd. Coy. was transferred from 2nd Div.

[50] Between 2–15/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: 19 offrs & 520 o.r. were posted to other Bns., and the surplus went to VIII Corps Rft. Camp.

[51] On 4/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 115th Bde., 38th (Welsh) Div., and joined on 6/2/18.

[52] On 14/2/18 Bn. was transferred as Pioneers to 58th Div., and joined on 15/2/18.

[53] On 5/2/18 Bn. was transferred from 100th Bde. to 19th Bde.

[54] Between 1–21/2/18 the Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized: Z was abolished and absorbed by X & Y; each then became a T.M. Bty. with 6, 6″ Newton T.M.s

[55] Between 1–21/2/18 V was abolished and the personnel was absorbed by X and Y.

[56] On 17/7/17 M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre and joined the Div. on 21/7/17.

[57] Coy. joined the Div. by 1/6/17; on 12/6/17 Coy. was allotted the number 230th.

[58] Train consisted of 8, 170, 171, and 173 Cos., A.S.C. (notes 19, 30, and 31).

[59] Bn. formed 9–19/2/18; it consisted of 19th, 98th, 100th, and 248th M.G. Cos.

33RD DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 40th Division and its infantry brigades (119th, 120th, and 121st). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th–26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th–35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 40th Division became the 33rd Division; at the same time the 120th Brigade was renumbered 99th and the 119th Brigade became the 100th. The 121st Brigade was transferred to the newly-formed 39th Division and was then renumbered 116th; its place in the 33rd Division was taken by the 118th Brigade from the original 39th (later 32nd) Division, and on arrival this Brigade received the number 98th (see Appendix 2).

In the 98th Brigade the four battalions (18/, 19/, 20/, & 21/Royal Fusiliers) were designated the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Public Schools; in the 99th Brigade the sub-titles of the battalions were Empire (17/R.F.), Kensington (22/R.F.), and 1st and 2nd Sportsman (23/ & 24/R.F.); and in the 100th Brigade the sub-titles were West Ham (13/Essex), Public Schools (16/Middlesex), 1st Football (17/Middlesex), and Church Lads Brigade (16/K.R.R.C.). The Field Companies and the Signal Company were designated Tottenham, and the pioneer battalion (18/Middlesex) had the sub-title of 1st Public Works.

Early in January 1915 the War Office authorized the Mayor of Camberwell to raise an artillery brigade (CLVI). The local response was so prompt and effective that in March further authority was given to raise another brigade (CLXII), and this second brigade was recruited up to strength by the middle of May. The War Office was then informed that a mass of would-be recruits still existed in the Camberwell neighbourhood and from these men the whole of the artillery could be raised for the 33rd Division. Authority was given at once to recruit the two remaining brigades (CLXVI and CLXVII), the heavy battery (126th), and the divisional ammunition column. These additional units were raised without any difficulty or delay; and thus it came about that the personnel of the 33rd Division Artillery was provided by the men of Camberwell and Dulwich. At first, whilst the brigades were at Dulwich, only three 15-pdrs. and dummy loaders were available; but in July, four 18-pdrs. arrived, and on the 26th July the first 4.5″ howitzer reached CLXVII (H.) Brigade.

Meanwhile on the 1st July the 33rd Division began to assemble at Clipstone Camp (Notts.), and by the 13th all the infantry concentrated there. On the 3rd August the Division started to move to Bulford, Perham Down, and Tidworth. Between the 5th–10th the divisional artillery arrived; and on the 10th August the concentration of the Division on Salisbury Plain was completed. The Division now began its final intensive preparation for the field.

On the 4th November the Division was ordered to prepare to move to France; the artillery and the train, however, would not accompany it. The divisional artillery was to follow later and rejoin in France (see note 8), and the Division was to take with it the 54th (East Anglian) Division Artillery (see General Notes).

On the 8th November H.M. the Queen inspected the Division on Figheldean Down, and H.M. the King also sent a message. On the 9th the Division received orders to move and on the 12th entrainment began. On the 16th the first units began to arrive in the concentration area, and on the 21st November the Division and its attached artillery completed concentration around Morbecque. For the remainder of the Great War the 33rd Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

1915

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

12 and 13 July	**Battle of Albert** [Corps Reserve, XV Corps, Fourth Army].
14–17 July	**Battle of Bazentin Ridge** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].
18–21 July	**Attacks on High Wood** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].
25 Oct.–7 Nov.	**Capture of Dewdrop and Boritska Trenches** [XIV Corps, Fourth Army].

1917

BATTLES OF ARRAS

14 April	**First Battle of the Scarpe** (19th Bde. under 21st Div.) [VII Corps, Third Army].
23 and 24 April	**Second Battle of the Scarpe** [VII Corps, Third Army].
20–30 May	**Actions on the Hindenburg Line** [VII Corps, Third Army].
18–28 Aug.	**Operations on the Flanders Coast (Nieuport Sector)** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

24 and 25 Sept.	**Battle of Menin Road Ridge** [X Corps, Second Army].
26 and 27 Sept.	**Battle of Polygon Wood** [X Corps, Second Army].

1918

BATTLES OF THE LYS

11 April	**Battle of Messines** (100th Bde., in reserve to 25th Div.) [IX Corps, Second Army].
12–15 April	**Battle of Hazebrouck** [IX Corps, Second Army].
13–15 April	**Battle of Bailleul** (100th Bde., under 25th Div.) [IX Corps, Second Army].
14 April	**Defence of Neuve Eglise** (100th Bde.).
17–19 April	**First Battle of Kemmel Ridge** [IX Corps, Second Army].
8 May	**Fighting for and recapture of Ridge Wood** (with Comp. Bde., 30th Div., attached) [XXII Corps, Second Army].

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THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

18 September	... ...	**Battle of Epéhy** [V Corps, Third Army].
29 Sept.–2 Oct.	... ...	**Battle of the St. Quentin Canal** [V Corps, Third Army].
3–5 Oct.	... ...	**Battle of the Beaurevoir Line** [V Corps, Third Army].
9 October	... ...	**Battle of Cambrai** [V Corps, Third Army].
9–12 October	... ...	**Pursuit to the Selle** [V Corps, Third Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

23–25 October	... ...	**Battle of the Selle** [V Corps, Third Army].

On the 26th October the attack was continued and the Division captured the village of Englefontaine. During the night of the 26th/27th the Division was relieved in the front line by the 38th (Welsh) Division, and the 33rd Division then concentrated around Troisvilles. On the 5th November the Division advanced through the Forest of Mormal heading for the Sambre; during the afternoon the leading battalions crossed the river and established bridgeheads along the line of the St. Quentin—Maubeuge railway. On the 6th Leval was captured, and by 9 p.m. on the 7th November the advanced troops were on a line to the west of the Avesnes—Maubeuge road; the Division was then again relieved in the front line by the 38th Division, and drew back into the Sambre Valley near Leval. On the 11th November it was still in the same position when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close.

On the 12th the Division concentrated around Berlaimont, on the 15th November it moved back to Montigny (S.W. of le Cateau); and on the 4th December H.M. the King passed through the divisional area. On the 6th December the Division began to march back to the Hornoy area (W. of Amiens and S. of the Somme) and the move was completed by the 17th.

In 1919 demobilization proceeded rapidly, and divisional headquarters moved to the coast at Quiberville (13th January), then to Varengeville (31st January), and lastly to Etretat in the le Havre area (28th February). Gradually units dwindled to cadre, and on the 15th May the first cadres embarked for England. On the 18th June divisional headquarters was reduced to Equipment Guard and on the 30th June the war history of the 33rd Division came to an end. During the Great War the 33rd Division lost 37,404 killed, wounded, and missing.

34TH DIVISION

G.O.C.

5 July 1915 ... ... Major-General E. C. INGOUVILLE-WILLIAMS (killed, 22/7/16).
23 July 1916 ... ... Br.-Gen. R. W. R. BARNES (acting).
25 July 1916 ... ... Major-General C. L. NICHOLSON.

G.S.O.1.

28 June 1915...Major P. B. O'CONNOR (acting).
25 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. N. J. G. CAMERON.
24 Nov. 1915...Major P. B. O'CONNOR (acting).
29 Dec. 1915...Lt.-Col. H. ST. C. WILKINS.
9 Feb. 1916...Lt.-Col. R. H. MANGLES.
20 Feb. 1917...Lt.-Col. H. E. R. R. BRAINE.
29 Dec. 1917...Lt.-Col. SIR T. A. A. M. CUNINGHAME, Bt.
30 April 1918...Lt.-Col. J. G. DOONER (killed, 31/7/18).
31 July 1918...Lt.-Col. R. M. TYLER (tempy.).
10 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. B. C. BATTYE.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

15 June 1915...Major R. F. LOCK (acting).
3 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. G. R. H. NUGENT (sick, 13/11/15).
13 Nov. 1915...Major R. F. LOCK (acting).
22 Nov. 1915...Lt.-Col. G. R. H. NUGENT.
16 Mar. 1916...Lt.-Col. O. K. CHANCE (sick, 9/5/17).
9 May 1917...Lt.-Col. R. M. TYLER.
22 Sept. 1918...Major H. D. PARKIN (acting).
21 Oct. 1918...Lt.-Col. H. W. GRUBB.
[16 Dec. 1918...Lt.-Col. H. D. PARKIN].

B.-G., R.A.

6 July 1915...Br.-Gen. F. B. ELMSLIE.
16 Nov. 1915...Br.-Gen. A. D. KIRBY.
19 Feb. 1917...Br.-Gen. W. J. K. RETTIE.
12 May 1917...Br.-Gen. E. C. W. D. WALTHALL.

C.R.E.

17 Mar. 1915...Colonel A. C. MACDONNELL.
9 Feb. 1917...Lt.-Col. A. C. DOBSON.

34TH DIVISION

101st BDE.
(new formation)

19 June '15...Br.-Gen. H. G. FITTON* (wd., 18/1/16; died, 20/1/16).
18 Jan. '16...Colonel C. W. SOMERSET (acting).
28 Jan. '16...Br.-Gen. R. C. GORE (killed, 14/4/18).
14 April '18...Lt.-Col. A. STEPHENSON (acting).
23 April '18...Br.-Gen. W. J. WOODCOCK.

102nd BDE.
(originally 123rd Bde.)

28 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. T. P. B. TERNAN.
(On 6/7/16 102nd Bde. was attached to 37th Division).

111th BDE.**

(On 6/7/16 111th Bde., from 37th Div., was attached to 34th Division).
[9 April '15]...Br.-Gen. R. W. R. BARNES.
(On 22/8/16 111th Bde. rejoined 37th Division).

102nd BDE.

(On 22/8/16 102nd Bde. rejoined 34th Division).
[28 Dec. '14]...Br.-Gen. T. P. B. TERNAN.
22 April '17...Br.-Gen. N. A. THOMSON.
21 May '18...Br.-Gen. E. HILLIAM.

103rd BDE.
(originally 124th Bde.)

17 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. W. A. COLLINGS.
22 May '15...Br.-Gen. W. E. O'LEARY.
27 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. H. H. L. MALCOLM (sick, 5/11/15).
24 Nov. '15...Lt.-Col. N. J. G. CAMERON (acting).
26 Dec. '15...Br.-Gen. N. J. G. CAMERON (wd., 1/7/16).
1 July '16...Lt.-Col. G. R. V. STEWARD (acting).
4 July '16...Br.-Gen. H. E. TREVOR.
(On 6/7/16 103rd Bde. was attached to 37th Division).

112th BDE.**

(On 6/7/16 112th Bde., from 37th Div., was attached to 34th Division.)
[14 Sept. '15]...Br.-Gen. P. M. ROBINSON.
(On 22/8/16 112th Bde. rejoined 37th Division).

103rd BDE.

(On 22/8/16 103rd Bde. rejoined 34th Division).
[4 July '16]...Br.-Gen. H. E. TREVOR (sick, 18/4/17).
18 April '17...Lt.-Col. M. E. RICHARDSON (acting).
25 April '17...Br.-Gen. C. J. GRIFFIN.
10 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. H. E. TREVOR (gassed, 21/10/17).
21 Oct. '17...Lt.-Col. E. M. MOULTON-BARRETT (acting).
25 Oct. '17...Lt.-Col. R. D. TEMPLE (acting).
20 Nov. '17...Br.-Gen. J. G. CHAPLIN.
31 Aug. '18...Br.-Gen. R. I. RAWSON.

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* Prior to taking command of the 101st Inf. Bde., Br.-Gen. H. G. Fitton had been Brigade Commander, Tyne Garrison, from 18/11/1914–18/6/1915.

** For the composition of the 111th and 112th Inf. Bdes. see General Notes (opposite).

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 34th Division :—

111th Inf. Bde. (Br.-Gen. R. W. R. Barnes—10/R.F., 13/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/R.B., 111th M.G. Coy., 111th T.M. Bty.); **112th Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. P. M. Robinson—11/R. War., 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc., 10/L.N.L., 112th M.G. Coy., 112th T.M. Bty.); and 9/N. Staff. (P),	from 37th Division were attached from 6/7—22/8/16 to the 34th Division, in exchange for	**102nd Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. T. P. B. Ternan), **103rd Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. H. E. Trevor), and 18/N.F.(P.)

ARTILLERY :—516 (H.) Battery, R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ Hows.) disembkd. at le Havre on 4/10/16, arrived Bailleul on 7/10/16, and joined CLXXV Bde. (see Note 24). **130 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.** (4, 60-pdrs.) was raised for the 34th Division, but the Heavy Battery went abroad independently. The Hy. Bty. embkd. on 7/2/16, disembkd. at Alexandria on 20/2/16, and joined XXXV Hy. Arty. Group. The Hy. Bty. returned to France on 14/4/16 and joined XXI Hy. Arty. Group on 12/5/16.

OTHER UNITS :—74th Sanitary Section joined the Division in England, went to France with the Division, and disembkd. at le Havre on 11/1/16. Sanitary Section left the Division on 31/3/17, and took over a Sanitary Area in XVII Corps, Third Army.

34th Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop went to France with the Division and disembkd. at Rouen on 10/1/16. The Workshop rejoined the Division on 14/1/16 at Renescure. On 31/3/16 the Workshop was disbanded, and the personnel and vehicles joined 34th Div. Supply Column.

On 27/2/18 the reorganization of the 34th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and between 27/2–2/3/18 the pioneer battalion (18/N.F.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

34th Division Artillery, May–July 1918. In May 1918 the infantry of the 34th Division was reduced to cadre (notes 39-49); but the 34th Division Artillery (see Table) went into the line between 8–16/5/18 and was under B.-G., R.A., 5th Division. Relieved between 1–3/7/18 the 34th D.A. then occupied the East Poperinghe (or Blue) Line from 6–11/7/18; and on 22/7/18 the 34th D.A. moved into action to cover the 34th Division, holding the line Tigny—Hartennes.

34TH DIVISION [1]

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 May England)	101st[2]; [3]...	15/R.S., 16/R.S., 10/Linc., 11/Suff.	E Sqdn.,[6] N. Ir. Horse	CLII[3].....	A, B, C, D	CLII B.A.C.	...	...	34th D.A.C.[8]	207th[9]	34th[9]	18/ N.F.[10] (P.)	...	102nd[11]	44th[12]	...	34th[13]
	102nd[3]; [4]..	20/N.F., 21/N.F., 22/N.F., 23/N.F.	34th Div.	CLX[5].....	A, B, C, D	CLX B.A.C.				208th[9]				103rd[11]			
	103rd[3]; [5]..	24/N.F., 25/N.F., 26/N.F., 27/N.F.	Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLXXV[6]	A, B, C, D	CLXXV B.A.C.				209th[9]				104th[11]			
				CLXXVI (H.) [6]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXVI (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 January (France)	101st	15/R.S., 16/R.S., 10/Linc., 11/Suff.	E Sqdn.,[14] N. Ir. Horse	CLII[16]	A, B, C, D	CLII B.A.C.	...	...	34th D.A.C.	207th	34th	18/ N.F. (P.)	...	102nd	44th	...	34th
	102nd	20/N.F., 21/N.F., 22/N.F., 23/N.F.	34th Div.	CLX[17]	A, B, C, D	CLX B.A.C.				208th				103rd			
	103rd	24/N.F., 25/N.F., 26/N.F., 27/N.F.	Cyclist Coy.[15]	CLXXV[18]	A, B, C, D	CLXXV B.A.C.				209th				104th			
				CLXXVI (H.) [19]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXVI (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 May (France)	101st	15/R.S., 16/R.S., 10/Linc., 11/Suff.; 101st Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 101st T.M. Bty.[21]	...	CLII[16]; [22]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[23]	X.34[24]	V.34[27]	34th D.A.C.[28]	207th	34th	18/ N.F. (P.)	...	102nd	44th	...	34th
	102nd	20/N.F., 21/N.F., 22/N.F., 23/N.F.; 102nd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 102nd T.M. Bty.[21]		CLX[17]; [22]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.34[24]			208th				103rd			
	103rd	24/N.F., 25/N.F., 26/N.F., 27/N.F.; 103rd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 103rd T.M. Bty.[21]		CLXXV[18]; [24]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Z.34[24]			209th				104th			
				CLXXVI[19]; [25]	A, B, C												
1917 June (France)	101st	15/R.S., 16/R.S., 10/Linc.,[29] 11/Suff.; 101st M.G. Coy.;[30] 101st T.M. Bty.	...	CLII[22]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.34	V.34[26]	34th D.A.C.	207th	34th	18/ N.F. (P.)	240th M.G. Coy.[27]	102nd	44th	231st[28]	34th
	102nd	20/N.F.,[30] 21/N.F.,[31] 22/N.F., 23/N.F.; 102nd M.G. Coy.;[30] 102nd T.M. Bty.		CLX[23]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.34			208th				103rd			
	103rd	24/N.F.,[32] 25/N.F.,[33] 26/N.F.[34] 27/N.F.;[32] 103rd M.G. Coy.;[30] 103rd T.M. Bty.					Z.34[25]			209th				104th			

1918 March (France)	101st ..... 102nd 103rd	15/R.S.,[37] 16/R.S.,[40] 11/Suff.,[41] 101st T.M. Bty.[42] 22/N.F.,[42] 23/N.F.,[44] 25/N.F.;[35];[45] 102nd T.M. Bty.[42] 9/(North'd. Hsrs.) N.F.,[46] 10/Linc.,[39];[47] 1/E. Lanc.;[48] 103rd T.M. Bty.[42]	...	CLII ..... CLX	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.34[35] Y.34[35]	...[36]	34th D.A.C.	207th 208th 209th	34th	18/N.F.[49] (P.)	No. 34 Bn.,[50] M.G.C.	102nd 103rd 104th	44th	231st	34th
After Reconstitution **1918 July (France)**	101st ..... 102nd 103rd	2/4/Queen's,[51] 1/4/R. Suss.,[52] 2/L.N.L.;[53] 101st T.M. Bty.[42] 1/4/Ches.,[54] 1/7/Ches.,[54] 1/1/Hereford;[55] 102nd T.M. Bty.[42] 1/5/K.O.S.B.,[56] 1/8/Sco. Rif.,[57] 1/5/A. & S.H.;[58] 103rd T.M. Bty.[42]	...	CLII ..... CLX	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.34 Y.34	...	34th D.A.C.	207th 208th 209th	34th	2/4/Som. L.I.[59] (P.)	No. 34 Bn., M.G.C.	102nd 103rd 104th	44th	231st	34th

NOTES

[1] Raised as 41st Div.; became 34th Div. on 27/4/15.

[2] 102nd & 103rd Bdes. were raised as 123rd & 124th Bdes. and renumbered on 27/4/15, 122nd Bde. was transferred to 32nd Div. and renumbered 96th; its place was taken by the 101st Bde., formed in June 1915.

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st & 2nd Edinburgh, Grimsby, and Cambridge.

[4] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tyneside Scottish.

[5] The battalions were designated: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tyneside Irish.

[6] Sqdn. joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre on 12/1/16.

[7] Coy. was formed in Sept. 1915 on Salisbury Plain; Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 11/1/16.

[8] The Artillery Bdes. were designated: Nottingham, Wearside, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, and the D.A.C. was designated Nottingham. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery.

[9] The 3 Fd. Cos. & Signal Coy. were designated: Norfolk, and in Feb. 1915 were raised as 38th (Norfolk) Div., R.E. On 10/5/15 the numerical designation was changed, from 38th to 34th, and the R.E. became 34th (Norfolk) Div., R.E. On 23/7/15 the R.E. moved to Kirkby Malzeard and joined 34th Div.; the R.E. disembkd. at le Havre between 8–12/1/16.

[10] Bn. joined Div. at Kirkby Malzeard in June 1915; Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 8/1/16. The Bn. was designated: 1st Tyneside Pioneers.

[11] Raised for the original 34th Div. (App. 1E) the 3 Fd. Ambces. joined the new 34th Div. (note 1) between 8–10/11/15; the 3 Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at le Havre between 9–12/1/16.

[12] Joined Div. in England; disembkd. at le Havre on 11/1/16.

[13] Train (229, 230, 231, 232 Cos., A.S.C.) joined Div. at Kirkby Malzeard in June 1915; disembkd. at le Havre between 8–12/1/16.

[14] Sqdn. was attached to 2nd Cav. Div. from 19–30/4/16; on 10/5/16 Sqdn. left 34th Div. and joined VII Corps Cav. Regt.

[15] Coy. was attached to 2nd Cav. Div. from 19/4–1/5/16; on 11/5/16 Coy. left 34th Div. and joined III Corps Cyclist Bn. on 12/5/16.

[16] At 11 a.m. on 22/5/16 A Bty. left and became A/CLXXVI; D/CLII then became A/CLII; and C (H.)/CLXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLII.

[17] At 11 a.m. on 22/5/16 B Bty. left and became B/CLXXVI; D/CLX then became B/CLX; and A (H.)/CLXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLX.

[18] At 11 a.m. on 22/5/16 C Bty. left and became C/CLXXVI; D/CLXXV then became C/CLXXV; and D (H.)/CLXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLXXV.

[19] On 4/2/16 B (H.) Bty and 1 subsec. CLXXVI (H.) B.A.C. left CLXXVI (H.) Bde. and joined I/VIII London (H.) Bde. in 47th Div. At 11 a.m. on 22/5/16 A (H.), C (H.), and D (H.) left CLXXVI and became D (H.)/CLX, D (H.)/CLII, and D (H.)/CLXXV; and A/CLII, B/CLX, and C/CLXXV joined and became A, B, and C/CLXXVI.

[20] **101st M.G. Coy.** was formed at Grantham on 21/2/16, left Grantham on 24/4/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 26/4/16, and joined Bde. on 27/4/16; **102nd M.G. Coy.** left Grantham on 25/4/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 26/4/16, and joined Bde. on 27/4/16; **103rd M.G. Coy.** left Grantham on 24/4/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 25/4/16, and joined Bde. on 27/4/16.

[21] Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were formed:

101st—101/1 (A/101 until 10/3/16) by 18/2/16, 101/2 by 10/4/16, and they became 101st T.M. Bty. by 6/7/16;

102nd—102/1 (A/102 until 12/3/16) by 16/2/16, 102/2 by 1/6/16, and they became 102nd T.M. Bty. by 17/6/16;

103rd—103/1 (A/103 until 12/3/16) by 17/2/16, 103/2 by 6/5/16, and they became 103rd T.M. Bty. by 20/6/16.

[22] By noon on 28/8/16 the 18-pdr. Bties. were made up to 6 guns each: A was made up by R. Sec. C/CLII and became C/CLII; B was made up by L. Sec. C/CLII; and A/CLXXVI (made up to 6 guns by R. Sec. C/CLXXVI) joined CLII and became A/CLII. On 24/11/16 1 sec. C (H.)/CLXXV joined and made up D (H.)/CLII to 6 hows.

[23] By noon on 28/8/16 the 18-pdr. Bties. were made up to 6 guns each: B and L. Sec. C joined from CLXXVI and R. Sec. B made up A/CLX, L. Sec. B made up B/CLX, and L. Sec. C made up C/CLX to 6 guns each. On 24/11/16 1 sec. C (H.)/CLXXV joined and made up D (H.)/CLX to 6 hows.

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[24] At noon on 28/8/16 B Bty. was broken up and R. Sec. made up A and L. Sec. made up C to 6 guns each; C then became B. On 7/10/16 516 (H.) Bty. joined and became C (H.)/CLXXV. On 24/11/16 C (H.) was broken up and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CLII and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CLX to 6 hows. each. CLXXV became an A.F.A. Bde. on 26/1/17; D (H.) was made up to 6 hows.; and between 26–28/2/17 A (6, 18-pdrs.)/CCLXXXVII joined from 57th Div. and became C/CLXXV. On 21/11/17 CLXXV A.F.A. Bde. left France for Italy, detraining in Italy on 24/11/17; on 23–31/3/18 CLXXV left Italy and detrained in France on 30/3–5/4/18.

[25] At noon on 28/8/16 the Bde. was broken up: R. Sec. C Bty. made up A to 6 guns, A was then transferred to CLII and became A/CLII; B and L Sec. C/CLXXVI joined CLX, and R. Sec. B made up A, L. Sec. B made up B, and L. Sec. C made up C/CLX to 6 guns each.

[26] Joined by 18/6/16.

[27] Joined by 16/8/16.

[28] At 11 a.m. on 18/5/16 the B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

[29] On 3/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 103rd Bde.

[30] On 3/2/18 Bn. was disbanded.

[31] On 3/2/18 Bn. was disbanded.

[32] On 10/8/17 24/ and 27/N.F. were amalgamated; and on 26/2/18 24/27/N.F. was disbanded—28 offrs. & 551 o.r. were drafted between 6–10/2/18, and surplus went to VI Corps Rft. Camp.

[33] On 3/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 102nd Bde.

[34] On 27/2/18 Bn. was disbanded; 6 offrs. & 419 o.r. were drafted between 3–8/2/18, and surplus went to VI Corps Rft. Camp and to No. 9 Entg. Bn.

[35] On 6/3/18 the three 4-mortar Medium T.M. Bties. were reorganized in two 6-mortar batteries; Z was broken up and absorbed by X and Y.

[36] On 6/3/18 V H.T.M. Bty. was transferred to VI Corps.

[37] Coy. was formed at Grantham on 24/2/17, left Grantham on 14/7/17, disembkd. at le Havre on 15/7/17, and joined Div. at Bouvincourt on 18/7/17.

[38] Joined Div. on 25/5/17.

[39] On 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (7 offrs. & 561 o.r.) left for the Base; on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 116th Bde., 39th Div.; on 14/8/18 Bn. was disbanded and personnel joined 13/R.S. (45th Bde., 15th Div.).

[40] On 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (3 offrs. & 328 o.r.) left for the Base; on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 116th Bde., 39th Div.; on 14/8/18 Bn. was disbanded and personnel joined 1/9/R.S. (46th Bde., 15th Div.).

[41] On 16/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 103rd Bde., and on 26/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 183rd Bde., 61st Div.

[42] Bde. L.T.M. Bties. were broken up between 12–16/5/18 and the personnel rejoined Bns. The Bde. L.T.M. Bties. were reformed: 101st on 2/7/18; 102nd on 10/7/18; and 103rd on 1/7/18.

[43] On 17/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (6 offrs. & 463 o.r.) left for the Base; on 17/6/18 T.C. left for transfer to 16th Div., joined 16th Div. at Boulogne, absorbed 38/N.F. in England, and on 2/7/18 22/N.F. rejoined 16th Div. and was posted to 48th Bde.

[44] On 17/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (4 offrs. & 407 o.r.) left for the Base; on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 116th Bde., 39th Div; on 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 198th Bde., 66th Div., and on 20/9/18 T.C. left 66th Div. for L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[45] On 15 & 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and on 17/5/18 surplus was transferred to the Base. On 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 39th Div.; on 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., and on 20/9/18 T.C. left 66th Div. for L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[46] On 3/8/17 9/N.F. joined Bde. from 52nd Bde., 17th Div.; on 25/9/17 Bn. absorbed 2/1/North'd. Hsrs. and unit was designated 9/(N.H.) N.F. On 26/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 183rd Bde., 61st Div. (2/1/North'd. Hsrs. went to France, 19/3/17; served with XIX Corps Cav. Regt., 26/3–28/8/17; and then joined Inf. Base Depot at Etaples.)

[47] On 16/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 101st Bde. and reduced to T.C. on 18/5/18; T.C. was transferred back to 103rd Bde. on 11/6/18; T.C. was transferred to 116th Bde., 39th Div., on 17/6/18; on 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div.; and 20/9/18 T.C. left the 66th Div. for L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[48] On 1/2/18 Bn. joined Bde. from 11th Bde., 4th Div.; and on 26/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 183rd Bde., 61st Div.

[49] Pioneer Bn. was reduced to T.C. on 18/5/18 and surplus left for the Base; on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 116th Bde., 39th Div.; and on 16/8/18 T.C. joined 66th Div. On 20/9/18 T.C. left 66th Div. for L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[50] Bn. formed on 26/2/18; it consisted of 101st, 102nd, 103rd, and 240th M.G. Cos.

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[51] Bn. left 160th Bde., 53rd Div. (Palestine) on 31/5/18, embkd. at Alexandria on 15/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 21/6/18, arrived Proven on 29/6/18, and joined 101st Bde. on 30/6/18.

[52] Bn. left 160th Bde., 53rd Div. (Palestine) on 30/5/18, embkd. at Alexandria on 17/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 21/6/18, arrived at Proven on 29/6/18, and joined 101st Bde.

[53] On 22/6/18 Bn. joined 103rd Bde. from 94th Bde., 31st Div. (see General Notes, 31st Div.), and on 28/6/18 Bn. was transferred to 101st Bde.

[54] Bns. left 159th Bde., 53rd Div. (Palestine) on 31/5/18 (1/4/Ches.) and on 1/6/18 (1/7/Ches.), they embkd. at Alexandria on 17/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 22/6/18, arrived at Proven on 30/6/18, and joined 102nd Bde. on 1/7/18.

[55] Bn. left 158th Bde., 53rd Div. (Palestine) on 1/6/18, embkd. at Alexandria on 17/6/18, disembkd. at Taranto on 22/6/18, arrived at Proven on 30/6/18, and joined 102nd Bde. on 1/7/18.

[56] On 28/6/18 Bn. was transferred from 155th Bde., 52nd Div., and joined 103rd Bde.

[57] On 28/6/18 Bn. was transferred from 156th Bde., 52nd Div., and joined 103rd Bde.

[58] On 28/6/18 Bn. was transferred from 157th Bde., 52nd Div., and joined 103rd Bde.

[59] Bn. disembkd. in India in Jan. 1915 with 2/1 S.-W. (135th) Bde., 2nd Wessex (45th) Div. In Sept. 1917 Bn. left 135th Bde., 45th Div., and landed at Suez on 25/9/17. Bn. joined 232nd Bde., 75th Div., on 16/10/17 near Deir el Balah; on 2/5/18 Bn. left 232nd Bde., embkd. at Port Said on 23/5/18, disembkd. at Marseille on 1/6/18, reached Berguette on 7/6/18, joined 34th Div. on 19/6/18 at Berthen; and on 5/7/18 Bn. became Pioneer Bn. of 34th Div. at Proven, and was then reorganized in 3 Companies.

The following Units and Training Cadres served with the 34th Division in June 1918:

Unit	From	Served with 34th Div. From	To	Transferred to	Notes
2/10/King's (T.C.)	16th Div.	17/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
4/Linc. (T.C.)	16th Div.	17/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
7/R. Ir. Regt. (T.C.)	49th Bde., 16th Div.	17/6	26/6/18	L. of C.	Bn. was reformed between 26–30/6/18 and joined 21st Bde., 30th Div., on 4/7/18.
13/Gr. How. (T.C.)	121st Bde., 40th Div.	3/6	17/6/18	39th Div.	
6/R. Innis. F.	14th Div.	19/6	27/6/18	L. of C.	Joined 151st Bde., 50th Div., on 16/7/18.
7/8/R. Innis. F. (T.C.)	49th Bde., 16th Div.	17/6	26/6/18	L. of C.	Bn. was reformed on 26/6/18 and joined 89th Bde., 30th Div., on 3/7/18.
13/E. Surr. (T.C.)	119th Bde., 40th Div.	3/6	17/6/18	39th Div.	
2/5/Sher. For. (T.C.)	49th Bde., 16th Div.	17/6	28/6/18	39th Div.	
21/Middx. (T.C.)	119th Bde., 40th Div.	3/6	17/6/18	39th Div.	
8/K.R.R.C. (T.C.)	41st Bde., 14th Div.		27/6/18	39th Div.	
9/K.R.R.C. (T.C.)	42nd Bde., 14th Div.	19/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
5/N. Staff. (T.C.)	16th Div.	17/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
10/11/H.L.I. (T.C.)	120th Bde., 40th Div.	3/6	16/6/18	14th Div.	
14/H.L.I. (T.C.)	120th Bde., 40th Div.	3/6	17/6/18	39th Div.	
5/Conn. Rang.	14th Div.	19/6	27/6/18	L. of C.	Bn. joined 197th Bde., 66th Div., on 22/7/18, and was transferred to 199th Bde. on 25/8/18.
6/Conn. Rang. (T.C.)	47th Bde., 16th Div.	17/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
8/R.B. (T.C.)	41st Bde., 14th Div.		27/6/18	39th Div.	
9/R.B. (T.C.)	42nd Bde., 14th Div.	19/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	
6/Leins.	14th Div.	18/6	27/6/18	L. of C.	Bn. joined 198th Bde., 66th Div., on 20/7/18, and on 12/9/18 Bn. was disbanded.
6/R.M.F. (T.C.)	16th Div.	17/6	27/6/18	39th Div.	

34TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, & ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 41st Division and its infantry brigades (122nd, 123rd, and 124th). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th–26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th–35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 41st Division became the 34th Division; at the same time its 123rd and 124th Brigades were renumbered 102nd and 103rd. The 122nd Brigade was transferred to the (renumbered) 32nd Division and then became the 96th Brigade; it was replaced in the 34th Division by a newly-formed brigade which received the number 101st (see Appendix 2).

The units were raised as follows: in the 101st Bde., 15/Royal Scots in Edinburgh and Manchester, 16/Royal Scots in Edinburgh, 10/Lincolnshire in Grimsby, and 11/Suffolk in Cambridge; all the battalions of the 102nd Bde. (Tyneside Scottish) and the 103rd Bde. (Tyneside Irish) were raised in Newcastle. In the Artillery, CLII came from Nottingham, CLX from Sunderland, CLXXV from Staffordshire, and CLXXVI (H.) from Leicestershire. The pioneer battalion (18/N.F.—designated 1st Tyneside Pioneers) was raised in Newcastle by the Newcastle and Gateshead Chamber of Commerce.

Early in February 1915 the War Office authorized the Lord Mayor of Norwich to raise the 38th (Norfolk) Divisional Royal Engineers—207th, 208th, and 209th Field Companies and 38th Signal Company. At first the recruits were billeted in private houses in Norwich, and the trade-testing of the men for sapper ratings was carried out at the City Corporation Works, under the direction of the City Engineer. On the 10th May notification was received from the War Office that the numerical designation was changed from 38th to 34th; in consequence of this the title became the 34th (Norfolk) Divisional Royal Engineers, and at the same time the signal company was renumbered 34th. On the 23rd July R.E. headquarters and all the four units moved to Kirkby Malzeard and on arrival came under G.O.C. 34th Division.

In June and July the 101st Brigade concentrated at Fountains Abbey, but the 102nd and 103rd Brigades remained at their training camps at Alnwick and Woolsington; the pioneer battalion and other divisional troops were at Kirkby Malzeard (6 miles from Ripon). On the 15th June the D.-A.-A. & Q.-M.-G. reached Ripon, took over two houses and began collecting clerks and furniture. Whilst divisional headquarters was still at Ripon the D.-A.-A. & Q.-M.-G. received a telegram announcing the arrival on the next day of 300 mules for the Division. The D.-A.-A. & Q.-M.-G. assisted by the G.S.O.3 and six mounted military policemen detrained the mules; but hardly had the station-yard been filled by this crowd of squealing, kicking mules when another trainload of mules pulled into the platform—this latter consignment was for the 34th Division. It then transpired that the first trainload of mules, which had just been detrained by the zealous D.-A.-A. & Q.-M.-G. and his assistants, was intended for the 31st Division.

Between the 28th–31st August the Division moved to Salisbury Plain; and divisional headquarters opened at Cholderton but moved on the 30th September to Sutton Veny. Final intensive training was undertaken and proceeded progressively until the end of the year. On the 3rd January 1916 embarkation orders for France were received, entrainment began on the 7th, and on the 15th January the Division completed its concentration around la Crosse (east of St. Omer). For the remainder of the Great War the 34th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

1–3; & 10–13 July ...	**Battle of Albert*** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
2 July	**Capture of Scots and Sausage Redoubts.**
14–17 July	**Battle of Bazentin Ridge*** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
31 July–15 August ...	**Battle of Pozières Ridge*** [III Corps, Fourth Army].
15 September	**Battle of Flers-Courcelette** (103rd Inf. Bde. & 18/N.F. (P.),** attached to 15th Div.) [III Corps, Fourth Army].

1917

BATTLES OF ARRAS

9–14 April	**First Battle of the Scarpe** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
23 & 24 April	**Second Battle of the Scarpe** (103rd Inf. Bde.*** attached to 51st Div.) [XVII Corps, Third Army].
28 & 29 April	**Battle of Arleux** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
26 August	**Hargicourt** [III Corps, Third Army].
13–23 October	**BATTLES OF YPRES** [XIV Corps, Fifth Army].

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FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 March	**Battle of St. Quentin** [VI Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

9–11 April	**Battle of Estaires** [XV Corps, First Army].
12–15 April	**Battle of Bailleul** [XV Corps, First Army, until 6 p.m. 12/4; then IX Corps, Second Army].
17–19 April	**First Battle of Kemmel Ridge** [IX Corps, Second Army].

* 111th and 112th Inf. Bdes., and 9/N. Staff. (P.) (37th Div.) were attached to the 34th Div. at this time (see General Notes).

** 103rd Inf. Bde., 18/N.F. (P.), and No. 4 Coy., Divnl. Train, were attached to the 15th Div. from 27/8–18/9/16; they rejoined 34th Div. at Estaires on 22 and 23/9/16.

*** 103rd Inf. Bde. was attached to 51st Div. from 22–10 a.m. 25/4/17.

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The 34th Division handed over its front-line sector at 6 a.m. 21st April, concentrated behind Poperinghe, and was reorganized; it was then employed on digging the Abeele, Poperinghe, and Watou lines. On the 13th May the infantry of the Division moved back to the Lumbres area; was reduced to cadre, and was employed in training American troops. On the 13th June the Division was informed that it would be reconstituted as a first-line division; on the 18th divisional headquarters moved to Samer, and between 19th June–1st July the Division was reconstituted (see Table). After reconstitution the Division was engaged in the following operations:—

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE BATTLES OF THE MARNE

22 July–3 August ...	**Battle of the Soissonais & of the Ourcq** [XXX (Fr.) Corps, Tenth (Fr.) Army].
1 August	**Capture of Beugneux Ridge.**

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

28 & 29 September ...	**Battle of Ypres** [X Corps, Second Army].
14–19 October	**Battle of Courtrai** [X Corps, Second Army].
25 October	**Ooteghem** [X Corps, Second Army].
31 October	**Tieghem** [II Corps, Second Army].

On the 1st November the Division was withdrawn into Corps Reserve, concentrated east of Courtrai, and was occupied in refitting and training until the Armistice brought hostilities to a close at 11 a.m. on the 11th November.

On the 14th November the Division began to move forward and by the 18th it was halted west of the Dendre with its head at Lessines. On the 17th November a divisional order announced that the 34th Division was to form part of the force which would advance into Germany; meanwhile, until the end of November the units continued to carry out light training. Between the 12th–19th December the division advanced and billeted in an area south-west of Namur, and on the 22nd December miners and pivotal men left for demobilization.

On the 17th January 1919 the Division began entraining for the Rhine, and on the 29th January the 34th Division completed taking over the right of the X Corps sector of the Cologne Bridgehead. During March the infantry of the Division was reconstituted. On the 15th March 1919 the Division was renamed Eastern Division and the war history of the 34th Division came to an end. During the Great War the 34th Division lost 41,183 killed, wounded, and missing.

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G.O.C.

1 July 1915	Br.-Gen. J. G. HUNTER (tempy.).
5 July 1915	Major-General R. J. PINNEY.
17 September 1916	Br.-Gen. H. O'DONNELL (acting).
23 September 1916	Major-General H. J. S. LANDON.
9 July 1917	Major-General G. McK. FRANKS.
27 March 1918	Br.-Gen. A. H. MARINDIN (tempy.).
7 April 1918	Major-General A. H. MARINDIN.

G.S.O.1.

3 July 1915...Major R. A. STEEL (acting).
17 July 1915...Major E. F. CALTHROP (acting).
25 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. R. N. GREATHED.
17 Jan. 1916...Major V. C. CLIMO (acting).
17 Jan. 1916...Lt.Col. C. R. NEWMAN.
5 Sept. 1917...Lt.-Col. H. W. B. THORP.
5 Nov. 1918...Lt.-Col. N. H. C. SHERBROOKE.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

21 June 1915...Major N. E. B. BELLAIRS (acting).
23 June 1915...Lt.-Col. A. W. HASTED.
6 Dec. 1916...Lt.-Col. C. T. M. HARE.
23 Aug. 1917...Captain J. McM. MILLING (acting).
4 Sept. 1917...Lt.Col. H. M. FARMAR.
6 Sept. 1918...Lt.-Col. L. M. JONES.

B.-G., R.A.

30 June 1915...Br.-Gen. A. B. PURVIS.
29 Aug. 1915...Br.-Gen. W. C. STAVELEY (sick, 20/10/17).
20 Oct. 1917...Br.-Gen. F. A. WILSON (tempy.).
1 Nov. 1917...Br.-Gen. W. EVANS (tempy.).
3 Nov. 1917...Br.-Gen. W. R. N. MADOCKS.
15 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. H. M. DAVSON (acting).
28 Mar. 1918...Br.-Gen. W. R. N. MADOCKS.

C.R.E.

16 July 1915...Major W. H. D. CAPLE (acting).
26 July 1915...Lt.-Col. G. O. BIGGE (sick, 2/8/15).
4 Aug. 1915...Major W. H. D. CAPLE (acting).
19 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. H. W. RUSHTON.
23 Sept. 1917...Lt.-Col. J. W. SKIPWITH.
23 Feb. 1918...Major J. W. LL. DAVIES (acting).
26 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. J. W. SKIPWITH.
30 Mar. 1918...Major J. W. LL. DAVIES (acting).
24 April 1918...Lt.-Col. J. W. SKIPWITH.

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104th BDE.
(originally 112th Bde.)

2 Jan. '15...Br.-Gen. G. M. MACKENZIE.
14 April '16...Br.-Gen. J. W. SANDILANDS.

105th BDE.
(originally 125th Bde.)

28 Dec. '14...Br.-Gen. W. THUILLIER.
20 May '15...Br.-Gen. J. G. HUNTER.
16 April '16...Br.-Gen. C. H. RANKIN.
2 May '16...Lt.-Col. F. W. DANIELL (acting).
6 May '16...Br.-Gen. A. H. MARINDIN.
26 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. W. A. W. CRELLIN (acting).
7 April '18...Br.-Gen. A. CARTON DE WIART, V.C. (wd., 20/4/18).
20 April '18...Lt.-Col. L. M. STEVENS (acting).
23 April '18...Br.-Gen. A. J. TURNER.

106th BDE.
(new formation)

9 June '15...Br.-Gen. H. O'DONNELL.
17 Sept. '16...Lt.-Col. R. R. LAWRENSON (acting).
23 Sept. '16...Br.-Gen. H. O'DONNELL.
20 May '17...Br.-Gen. J. H. W. POLLARD.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 35th Division:

ARTILLERY:—131 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4 60-pdrs.), was raised at Lewisham on 22/1/15 and was originally intended for the 26th Division; later on, however, the Heavy Battery was allotted to the 35th Division, and eventually the Battery went abroad independently. 131 Heavy Battery disembarked at le Havre on 9/3/16, reached Doullens on 12/3/16, and then joined XXIII H.A. Group at Etrée Wamin.

OTHER UNITS:—75th Sanitary Section joined the Division in England, went to France with the Division, and disembarked at le Havre on 1/2/16. On 9/4/17 the Sanitary Section left the Division and took over a Sanitary Area in IV Corps, Fourth Army.

35th Division Motor Ambce. Workshop went to France with the Division and disembkd. at Rouen on 29/1/16. The Workshop left Rouen on 4/2/16, and rejoined the Division at Renescure on 6/2/16. On 31/3/16 the Workshop was disbanded and the personnel and vehicles joined 35th Div. Supply Column.

The reorganization of the 35th Division on a 9-battalion basis was begun on 29/1/18 and was completed on 16/2/18; and the reorganization of the pioneer battalion (19/N.F.) on a 3-company basis was begun on 13/2/18 and was completed on 21/2/18.

35TH DIVISION [1]

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.										
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1915 July (England)	104th[2]; [3] ..	17/L.F., 18/L.F., 20/L.F., 23/Manch.	C Sqdn.,[6] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 35th Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLVII[8].....	A, B, C, D	CLVII B.A.C.	...	...	35th D.A.C.[9]	203rd[11] 204th[12] 205th[13]	35th[13]	19/ N.F.[13] (P.)	...	105th[14] 106th[14] 107th[14]	45th[15]	...	35th[16]
	105th[2]; [4] ..	15/Ches., 16/Ches., 14/Glouc., 15/Sher. For.		CLVIII[8]; [9]	A, B, C, D	CLVIII B.A.C.											
	106th[2]; [5] ..	17/R.S., 17/W. York., 19/ D.L.I., 18/H.L.I.		CLIX[8]	A, B, C, D	CLIX B.A.C.											
				CLXIII (H.) [8]; [10]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXIII (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 February (France)	104th	17/L.F., 18/L.F., 20/L.F., 23/Manch.	C Sqdn.,[17] 1/Lanc. Hsrs. 35th Div. Cyclist Coy.[18]	CLVII[19]	A, B, C, D	CLVII B.A.C.	...	...	35th D.A.C.[35]	203rd 204th 205th	35th	19/ N.F. (P.)	...	105th 106th 107th	45th	...	35th
	105th	15/Ches., 16/Ches., 14/Glouc., 15/Sher. For.		CLVIII[20]	A, B, C, D	CLVIII B.A.C.											
	106th	17/R.S., 17/W. York., 19/ D.L.I., 18/H.L.I.		CLIX[21].....	A, B, C, D	CLIX B.A.C.											
				CLXIII (H.)[22]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXIII (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 June (France)	104th	17/L.F., 18/L.F., 20/L.F., 23/Manch.; 104th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 104th T.M. Bty.[25]	...	CLVII[19]; [26] ...	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[28]	X.35[30] Y.35[30] Z.35[30]	V.35[31]	35th D.A.C.[33]	203rd 204th 205th	35th	19/ N.F. (P.)	...	105th 106th 107th	45th	...	35th
	105th	15/Ches., 16/Ches., 14/Glouc., 15/Sher. For.; 105th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 105th T.M. Bty.[25]		CLVIII[20]; [27]...	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	106th	17/R.S., 17/W. York., 19/ D.L.I., 18/H.L.I.; 106th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 106th T.M. Bty.[25]		CLIX[21]; [28]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
				CLXIII[22]; [29] ..	A, B, C; D (H.)												
1917 June (France)	104th	17/L.F., 18/L.F., 20/L.F.,[33] 23/Manch.;[34] 104th M.G. Coy.;[35] 104th T.M. Bty.	...	CLVII[36]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.35 Y.35 Z.35[39]	V.35[40]	35th D.A.C.	203rd 204th 205th	35th	19/ N.F. (P.)	241st[41] M.G. Coy.	105th 106th 107th	45th	232nd[42]	35th
	105th	15/Ches., 16/Ches.,[34] 14/ Glouc.,[35] 15/Sher. For.; 105th M.G. Coy.;[35] 105th T.M. Bty.		CLVIII[20]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	106th	17/R.S., 17/W. York.,[36] 19/ D.L.I.,[37] 18/H.L.I.;[38] 106th M.G. Coy.;[35] 106th T.M. Bty.															

		M.G. Coy.;[45] 106th T.M. Bty.																
1918 March (France)	104th	17/L.F., 18/L.F., 19/D.L.I.;[37] 104th T.M. Bty.	...	CI,VII	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.35[39]	...[40]	35th D.A.C.	203rd 204th 205th	35th	19/ N.F. (P.)	No. 35 Bn.,[45] M.G.C.	105th 106th 107th	45th	232nd	35th
	105th	15/Ches., 15/Sher. For., 4/N. Staff.;[43] 105th T.M. Bty.		CI,IX	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.35[40]										
	106th	17/R.S., 12/H.L.I.,[44] 18/ (Glasgow Yeo.) H.L.I.;[38] 106th T.M. Bty.															

NOTES

[1] Raised as 42nd Div.; became 35th Div. on 27/4/15.

[2] 105th Bde. was raised as 125th Bde. and was renumbered on 27/4/15. 126th Bde. was transferred to (new) 30th Div. and became 91st Bde. Its place was then taken by the 112th Bde. from the original 37th (new 30th) Div. and this Bde. then became the 104th. In June 1915 the (new) 35th Div. was completed by a newly-formed Bde. which became the 106th. (127th Inf. Bde. had never been formed in the original 42nd—new 35th—Div.)

[3] The battalions were designated: 1st and 2nd South-East Lancashire, 4th Salford, and 8th City.

[4] The battalions were designated: 1st and 2nd Birkenhead, West of England, and Nottingham.

[5] The battalions were designated: Rosebery, 2nd Leeds, 2nd County of Durham, and 4th Glasgow.

[6] Joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre on 1/2/16.

[7] Coy. was formed on Salisbury Plain; Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 29/1/16.

[8] The Artillery Bdes. were designated: Aberdeen; Accrington and Burnley; Glasgow; West Ham; and the D.A.C. was designated B.E.L. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in ach brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and ach battery was a 4-gun battery.

[9] The Brigade was raised as a howitzer brigade, but on 2/12/15 the Bde. became an 18-pdr. gun brigade.

[10] The Brigade was raised as a gun brigade, but on 2/12/15 the Bde. became a 4.5" howitzer brigade.

[11] The 3 Fd. Cos. were designated: Cambridge, Empire, and Dundee; they joined the Div. in Yorkshire, and they disembkd. at le Havre between 29–31/1/16.

[12] The Signal Coy. was designated: Reading; it joined the Div. in Yorkshire; Secs. were allotted to Inf. Bdes. on 27/7/15. The Sig. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre between 29/1–1/2/16.

[13] The Bn. was designated: 2nd Tyneside Pioneers; it joined the Div. in Yorkshire in July 1915, and disembkd. at le Havre on 30/1/16.

[14] Raised for the original 35th Div. (App. 1F), the 3 Fd. Ambces. joined the new 35th Div. (note 1) on Salisbury Plain; the 3 Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at le Havre between 29–31/1/16.

[15] Joined Div. on Salisbury Plain; disembkd. at le Havre on 1/2/16.

[16] Train (233, 234, 235, 236 Cos., A.S.C.) joined the Div. in Yorkshire in July 1915; Train disembkd. at le Havre between 29/1–1/2/16.

[17] Sqdn. left the Div. on 9/5/16, and joined VIII Corps Cav. Regt. on 10/5/16.

[18] On 10/5/16 Coy. left the Div. and joined XI Corps Cyclist Bn.

[19] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 30/1/16. On 28/5/16 D Bty. left and became A/CI,XIII; and A (H.)/CI,XIII joined and became D (H.)/CI,VII.

[20] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 1/2/16. On 27/5/16 D Bty. left and became B/CI,XIII; and B (H.)/CI,XIII joined and became D (H.)/CI,VIII.

[21] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 2/2/16. On 28/5/16 D Bty. left and became C/CI,XIII; and C (H.)/CI,XIII joined and became D (H.)/CI,IX.

[22] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 31/1/16. On 27 & 28/1/16 Bde. was reorganized: A (H.), B (H.), & C (H.) left and became D (H.)/CI,VII, D (H.)/CI,VIII, and D (H.)/CI,IX; and D/CI,VII, D/CI,VIII, & D/CI,IX joined and became A, B, & C/CI,XIII.

[23] D.A.C. disembkd. at le Havre on 1/2/16. On 25/5/16 B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized. Surplus personnel went to the Base.

[24] M.G. Cos. joined from Grantham:

104th—formed at Grantham on 17/2/16; disembkd. at le Havre on 26/4/16 and joined Div. at Lestrem on 27/4/16;

105th—disembkd. at le Havre on 12/5/16 and joined Div. at Lestrem on 15/5/16;

106th—disembkd. at le Havre on 25/4/16 and joined Div. at Lestrem on 28/4/16.

[25] T.M. Btics. were formed in Bdes.:

104th—104/1 by 2/4/16, 104/2 by 12/5/16, and they became 104th T.M. Bty. by 28/6/16;

105th—105/1 by 18/3/16, 105/2 by 12/5/16, and they became 105th T.M. Bty. by 6/7/16;

106th—106/1 by 1/4/16, 106/2 by 4/5/16, and they became 106th T.M. Bty. by 28/6/16.

[26] On 9/9/16 A/CI,XIII and 1 sec. C/CI,VIII joined Bde.; A/CI,XIII was split up and made up A & B/CI,VII to 6 guns each, and Sec. C/CI,VIII made up C/CI,VII to 6 guns. On 9/1/17 R. Sec., C (H.)/CI,VIII joined and made up D (H.)/CI,VII to 6 hows.

[27] On 8 and 9/9/16 C Bty. was broken up: 1 sec. joined CI,VII and made up C/CI,VII to 6 guns; and 1 sec. made up B/CI,IX; B/CI,XIII joined CI,VIII and was split up to make up A and B/CI,VIII to 6 guns each; and D (H.)/CI,XIII joined Bde. and became C (H.)/CI,VIII.

Between 8/1–28/2/17 CI,VIII was broken up: On 8/1/17 A left and became C/XI,VIII A.F.A. Bde.; R. Sec., D (H.) left and made up D (H.)/I,II A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows.; on 9/1/17 R. Sec., C (H.) left and made up D (H.)/CI,VII to 6 hows.; on 10/1/17 L. Sec., C (H.) left and made up D (H.)/CI,IX to 6 hows.; on 10/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.) left and made up D (H.)/I,XIV A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows.; and B left and became C/I,XIV A.F.A. Bde.

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[28] On 7/9/16 C/CLXIII joined Bde. and was split up to make up A and C/CLIX to 6 guns each; and 1 sec. C/CLVIII joined Bde. and made up B/CLIX to 6 guns. On 10/1/17 L. Sec. C (H.)/CLVIII joined and made up D (H.)/CLIX to 6 hows.

[29] Between 7–9/9/16 CLXIII was broken up: A joined CLVII and made up A & B/CLVII to 6 guns each; B joined CLVIII and made up A & B/CLVIII to 6 guns each; C joined CLIX and made up A & C/CLIX to 6 guns each; and D (H.) became C (H.)/CLVIII.

[30] Medium T.M. Bties. were formed by 28/6/16.

[31] Heavy T.M. Bty. was formed on 12/9/16; it went into action near Arras on 25/9/16.

[32] On 7/2/18 Bn. drafted 13 offrs. & 319 o.r. to other Bns., sent surplus to II Corps Rft. Camp on 15/2/18, and Bn. was disbanded on 16/2/18.

[33] Between 6–11/2/18 Bn. drafted 31 offrs. & 630 o.r., sent surplus to No. 12 Entg. Bn. on 16/2/18, and Bn. was disbanded on 16/2/18.

[34] On 3 & 4/2/18 Bn. drafted 20 offrs. & 410 o.r., sent surplus to II Corps Rft. Camp, and Bn. was disbanded on 8/2/18.

[35] On 11/2/18 Bn. was disbanded; 12 offrs. & 250 o.r. went to 13/Glouc. (P.), 39th Div., and surplus left for II Corps Rft. Camp.

[36] On 16/11/17 Bn. left 35th Div., was under C.E., XIX Corps (for work on railways) from 16–30/11/17, left XIX Corps on 1/12/17, reached Acq on 5/12/17, and, amalgamated with 15/W. York. in 93rd Bde., 31st Div., on 7/12/17.

[37] On 8/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 104th Bde.

[38] On 23/9/17 Bn. absorbed 4 offrs. & 146 o.r. Glasgow Yeo., and became 18/(Glasgow Yeo.) H.L.I. (A & B Sqdns., Glasgow Yeo., had formed part of V Corps Cav. Regt., left V Corps on 23/8/17, and went to No. 21 Inf. Base Depot, Etaples; left Etaples on 23/9/17 and joined 18/H.L.I. at Aizecourt le Bas.)

[39] On 8/2/18 Z was broken up: Trench Mortars were handed over to X/35 and Y/35, and personnel was distributed. (Medium T.M. Bties. were reduced to two per Division, each with 4 offrs., 53 o.r., and 6 mortars.)

[40] On 8/2/18 V H.T.M. Bty. was disbanded: part of the personnel went to X/35 and part to V H.T.M. Bty., II Corps, the 3 9.2" Mortars were handed over to V, II Corps. (On this date H.T.M. Bties. were reduced from one per Division to one per Corps—4 offrs., 84 o.r., and 6 mortars.)

[41] Coy. left Grantham on 13/7/17, disembkd. at le Havre on 15/7/17, and joined Div. at Villers Faucon on 18/7/17.

[42] Coy. formed by 9/6/17.

[43] This Extra Reserve Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 7/10/17, arrived Bapaume on 11/10/17, was attached to 167th Bde., 56th Div., from 11/10–9/11/17, and on 15/11/17 Bn. joined 106th Bde., 35th Div., at Château des Trois Tours. On 3/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 105th Bde.

[44] On 3/2/18 Bn. was transferred from 46th Bde., 15th Div., to 106th Bde., 35th Div.

[45] Bn. was formed between 22/2–2/3/18; it consisted of 104th, 105th, 106th, and 241st M.G. Cos.

35TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 10th December 1914 the formation of the Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) was authorized; this brought into existence the 42nd Division and its infantry brigades (125th, 126th, and 127th). In April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up, so that it could be used for replacing casualties in the eighteen divisions (9th–26th) of the first three New Armies (see Appendix 1). The original Fifth New Army (37th–42nd Divisions) then became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions were renumbered (30th–35th). In this way, on the 27th April 1915, the 42nd Division (the junior division of the original Fifth New Army) became the 35th Division (the junior division of the new Fourth New Army); at the same time its 125th Brigade was renumbered 105th. The 126th Brigade was transferred to the (renumbered) 30th Division and then became the 91st Brigade. The 126th Brigade was replaced in the 35th Division by the 112th Brigade, from the (original) 37th Division, and on arrival the 112th Brigade was renumbered and became the 104th (see Appendix 2). In June a newly-formed brigade completed the Division and was numbered 106th. (The original 127th Brigade had not been formed).

In the 104th Brigade the sub-titles of the battalions were 1st and 2nd S.E. Lancashire (17/ & 18/L.F.), Salford (20/L.F.), and 8th City (23/Manchester), this battalion had been transferred from 91st Bde., 30th Div. (p. 7). In the 105th Brigade were the 1st and 2nd Birkenhead (15/ & 16/Cheshire), West of England (14/Glouc.), and Nottingham (15/Sher. For.), and in the 106th Brigade the Rosebery (after the Earl of Rosebery—17/Royal Scots), 2nd Leeds (17/W. York.), 2nd County (19/D.L.I.), and 4th Glasgow (18/H.L.I.). The Artillery Bdes. were raised in Aberdeen, Accrington and Burnley, Glasgow, and West Ham; and the D.A.C. in Lancashire. The Field Companies were called Cambridge, the Empire, and Dundee; Reading provided the Signal Company. The sub-title of the Pioneer Battalion was 2nd Tyneside Pioneers.

As early as September 1914 it was decided that men below the official height standard of physique might be accepted for military service, and sanction was given to raise one 'Bantam' battalion; later on permission was given to raise a second, to supply wastage. The men for these two battalions came from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland and included many miners, and a third 'Bantam' battalion (23/Manchester) was transferred from the 91st Brigade, 30th Division. These three battalions of well-developed men were the nucleus of the 'Bantam Division.' Unfortunately, in a prolonged war, these islands could not supply a sufficient number of men below the average height, and of this quality, to supply the wastage of the twelve infantry battalions of a 'bantam' division. The Artillery, Engineers, and Pioneers of the 35th Division never accepted 'bantams.'

At first there was the usual shortage of uniform, equipment, and arms. On parades puttee-covered legs were often combined with bowler hats; in other cases the only outward and visible sign of a soldier might be a khaki cap, with or without a badge; and non-commissioned-officers had to be distinguished by narrow ribbon arm-bands. By January 1915, however, field training had appeared in some programmes, and musketry on miniature ranges allowed some classification. One temporary corporal, after placing a veritable barrage across the width of a landscape target, was heard to say in a hoarse whisper: "Now lads, do your best for me; its yon little windmill beside the three trees." Nevertheless, good humour, enthusiasm, and ambition enabled all ranks to surmount the initial difficulties. Great progress had been made by the end of June 1915, when the Division began to collect at Roomer Common, Marfield, Fearby, and Masham Camps, with Divisional Headquarters at Masham. In August the Division moved by rail to Salisbury Plain, to carry out the final stages of its training for the field. On the 23rd August Divisional Headquarters opened at Marlborough, moved on the 14th September to Chiseldon, and on the 11th October to Cholderton. Late in the year the Division received orders to prepare for Egypt and all ranks were issued with tropical uniforms and pith helmets. On the Plain, wearing their helmets, the 'Bantams' were said to look like overgrown mushrooms. But in a very short time the destination of the Division was changed to the Western Front, and the pith helmets were replaced by soft caps and gas-masks.

In January 1916 orders for France were received, embarkation began on the 28th January, and by 6 a.m. on the 6th February the Division completed its concentration to the eastward of St. Omer. For the remainder of the Great War the 35th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations :—

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

15–17 July	**Battle of Bazentin Ridge** (105th Bde. under 18th Div.; 106th Bde. under 9th Div.) [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].
19–30 July	Fighting for Arrow Head Copse and Maltzhorn Farm [XIII Corps, Fourth Army].
19–26 August	Fighting for Falfemont Farm [XIV Corps, Fourth Army].

On the 8th December the G.O.C. 35th Division sent in a report to VI Corps on the low physical and moral standard of the infantry of the Division, consequent on the replacement of the losses in the Battles of the Somme by undersized men, who were not real 'bantams' but merely physically undeveloped and unfit men from the towns; whereas the original 'bantams' were mostly sturdy, stocky miners. In consequence of the report, the A.D.M.S. of the Division was ordered to inspect the twelve infantry battalions. This inspection was carried out between the 9th–15th December, and on account of deficient physique the A.D.M.S. rejected 1439 men. On the 18th December the Brigade Commanders were informed that no more 'bantams' were to be accepted. By the 21st December, after further inspections by the G.O.C. 35th Division, the total number of 'rejects' in the twelve battalions rose to 2784. Nevertheless a considerable number of the original 'bantams' remained, and even at the end of the Great War many 'bantams' were still serving in the 35th Division.

1917

Between January and the end of March the rejected men were drafted to the infantry base depots and to labour battalions. (Even so, for some months commanding officers had to exercise great watchfulness to prevent previously rejected 'bantams' from being accepted as reinforcements). The 'rejects' of December 1916 were replaced by men from disbanded yeomanry regiments and men who had been training at the cavalry depot. To receive this large number of reinforcements a depot battalion was formed in the Division, and it had the additional duties of putting the men through a musketry course and training the new arrivals for trench warfare as infantry.*

14–18 March	**German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [IV Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

22 October	**Fighting in the Houthulst Forest** [XIV Corps, Fifth Army].
26 Oct.–4 Nov.	**Second Battle of Passchendaele** [XIV Corps until 2 p.m., 30/10; then XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

1918

24–30 March	**FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME**
24 and 25 March	**First Battle of Bapaume** [VII Corps, Fifth Army, until 4 a.m., 25/3; then VII Corps, Third Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

28 Sept.–2 Oct.	**Battle of Ypres** [XIX Corps, Second Army].
14–19 Oct.	**Battle of Courtrai** [XIX Corps, Second Army].
31 October	**Tieghem** [XIX Corps, Second Army].

* The first divisional sign was the appropriate one of a Bantam Cock; but, after the reorganization of the Bantam Division in 1917, the divisional sign was changed to a circular emblem composed of seven 5s.

During the night of 1st/2nd November the 35th Division was relieved; but on the 5th the Division again took over part of the front line along the left bank of the Schelde opposite Berchem. At 5.30 a.m. on the 9th November the 106th Brigade pushed 18/H.L.I. across the river; and, when the battalion was established, the Brigade crossed and made good the foothold on the right bank. During the same morning B/CLIX crossed the Schelde by the right-hand bridge in the 41st Division area; and during the day the 104th and 105th Brigades, with two machine-gun companies and a platoon of XIX Corps Cyclists, crossed by foot-bridges. By 10.30 p.m. a pontoon bridge was completed.

On the 11th November the Division was ordered to push on to the line of the R. Dendre; and, before the Armistice brought hostilities to a close at 11 a.m., the G.O.C. entered Grammont followed by 17/Lancashire Fusiliers; the battalion at once established posts on the Dendre bridges and on the sluice.

On the 12th November the Division passed into XIX Corps Reserve and on the 18th began to move further westward. On the 27th the march westward was continued, and on the 28th H.R.H. Princess Mary took the salute of 17/Royal Scots as they marched through Ypres. By the 2nd December the Division had reached its final quarters to the north-west of St. Omer with its headquarters at Eperlecques. On the 11th December the first batch of miners left for demobilization.

During January 1919 the Division was used to quell rioting at Calais and accomplished this duty successfully. Two Brigades (104th and 105th) were left at Calais and the remainder of the Division returned to Eperlecques. Swiftly the units dwindled. On the 9th April the Artillery left for demobilization; and by the end of April 1919 the 35th Division ceased to exist. During the Great War the 35th Division lost 23,915 killed, wounded, and missing.

36TH (ULSTER) DIVISION

G.O.C.

23 September 1914 ... ... Major-General C. H. POWELL.
14 September 1915 ... ... Major-General O. S. W. NUGENT.
6 May 1918 ... ... Major-General C. COFFIN, V.C.

G.S.O.1.

20 Oct. 1914...Captain W. B. SPENDER (G.S.O.2, tempy. G.S.O.1.)
14 Sept. 1915...Major Hon. A. V. F. RUSSELL.
18 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. Hon. A. V. F. RUSSELL.
5 April 1916...Lt.-Col. C. O. PLACE (wounded & captured, 26/3/18).
27 Mar. 1918...Major L. CARR (acting).
1 April 1918...Lt.-Col. A. G. THOMSON.
[17 Nov. 1918...Lt.-Col. H. F. L. GRANT].

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

16 Sept. 1914...Major J. CRAIG.
29 Oct. 1914...Lt.-Col. J. CRAIG (sick, 7/8/15).
21 April 1915...Major G. T. DRAGE (acting; sick, 17/5/15).
17 May 1915...Captain E. P. GRANT (acting).
26 June 1915...Major G. F. CAVENDISH-CLARKE (acting).
4 July 1915...Lt.-Col. T. V. P. MCCAMMON (tempy.).
3 Sept. 1915...Major H. C. SINGLETON (acting).
7 Sept. 1915...Major G. MEYNELL.
13 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. G. MEYNELL.
29 Oct. 1915...Lt.-Col. L. J. COMYN.
4 Nov. 1917...Lt.-Col. S. H. GREEN.

B.-G., R.A.

30 June 1915...Br.-Gen. J. W. HAWKINS.
17 Aug. 1915...Br.-Gen. H. A. BRENDON.
9 Oct. – 12 Dec. 1915 Br.-Gen. R. J. ELKINGTON.*
10 Nov. 1915...Br.-Gen. H. J. BROCK.
23 Sept. 1918...Lt.-Col. C. F. POTTER (acting).
4 Oct. 1918...Br.-Gen. C. ST. L. G. HAWKES.

C.R.E.

22 Oct. 1914...Colonel H. FINNIS.
25 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. P. T. DENIS DE VITRÉ.
5 Sept. 1916...Lt.-Col. W. A. C. KING (killed, 27/5/17).
28 May 1917...Lt.-Col. A. CAMPBELL.
15 Dec. 1917...Lt.-Col. A. G. T. CUSINS.
4 April 1918...Lt.-Col. R. H. MACKENZIE.

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* Commanded 56th (1st London) Division Artillery. This Divisional Artillery went to France with the 36th (Ulster) Division, and was attached to the 36th Division until 11 and 12/12/15 (see Table and note 18; and General Notes).

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107th BDE.
(originally 1st Bde.)

14 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. G. H. H. COUCHMAN.
20 Oct. '15...Br.-Gen. W. M. WITHYCOMBE.
(On 3/11/15, 107th Bde. (with 110th Fd. Ambce.) was transferred to 4th Division, for attachment).

12th BDE.*

(On 5/11/15, 12th Bde. and 10th Fd. Ambce. joined from 4th Division, for attachment).
[4 Oct. '14]...Br.-Gen. F. G. ANLEY.
(On 3/2/16, 12th Bde. and 10th Fd. Ambce. returned to 4th Division).

107th BDE.

(On 7/2/16, 107th Bde. and 110th Fd. Ambce. rejoined from 4th Division).
[20 Oct. '15]...Br.-Gen. W. M. WITHYCOMBE.
8 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. F. J. M. ROWLEY.
2 June '17...Br.-Gen. W. M. WITHYCOMBE.
30 April '18...Br.-Gen. E. I. DE S. THORPE (wd., 13/9/18).
14 Sept. '18...Lt.-Col. R. H. MACKENZIE (acting).
23 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. H. J. BROCK.

108th BDE.
(originally 2nd Bde.)

14 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. G. W. HACKET PAIN.
4 Dec. '15...Br.-Gen. C. R. J. GRIFFITH.
21 May '18...Br.-Gen. E. VAUGHAN.

109th BDE.
(originally 3rd Bde.)

14 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. T. E. HICKMAN.
14 April '16...Lt.-Col. W. F. HESSEY (acting).
14 May '16...Br.-Gen. R. G. SHUTER.
13 Jan. '17...Br.-Gen. A. ST. Q. RICARDO.
2 Feb. '17...Lt.-Col. A. C. PRATT (acting).
1 March '17...Br.-Gen. A. ST. Q. RICARDO.
12 Dec. '17...Lt.-Col. N. G. BURNAND (acting).
23 Dec. '17...Br.-Gen. W. F. HESSEY (injured, 16/4/18).
16 April '18...Lt.-Col. J. E. KNOTT (acting).
21 April '18...Br.-Gen. E. VAUGHAN (tempy.).
17 May '18...Br.-Gen. W. F. HESSEY.

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* For composition, see General Notes (opposite).

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 36th (Ulster) Division :—

12th Inf. Bde. (Br.-Gen. F. G. Anley—1/K.O., 2/L.F., 2/Essex, 1/5/S. Lanc., and 10th Fd. Ambce.), from 4th Division, was attached to the 36th (Ulster) Division from 5/11/15–3/2/16 in exchange for **107th Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. W. M. Withycombe—8/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. Rif., 10/R. Ir. Rif., 15/R. Ir. Rif., and 110th Fd. Ambce.).

Note.—During this period (5/11/15–3/2/16) 2/L.F. (12th Bde.) was attached to 108th Bde., in exchange for 11/R. Ir. Rif.; and 2/Essex (12th Bde.) was attached to 109th Bde., in exchange for 14/R. Ir. Rif.

ARTILLERY—I LONDON, II LONDON, III LONDON, IV LONDON (H.)* BDES., B.A.C.s., and 10th D.A.C. went to France with the 36th Div. in October 1915 and served with the 36th Div. until December 1915 (see Table and note 18).

529 (H.) Battery, R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ howitzers) disembarked at le Havre on 4/10/16 and joined CLXXII on 7/10/16 (see note 37).
36 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. was raised for the 36th Division; but the Heavy Battery did not go overseas and was broken up at home.

INFANTRY—7/R. Irish Rifles served with 48th Bde., 16th Div., until 23/8/17, with 49th Bde., 16th Div., until 14/10/17, and joined 36th Div. on 15/10/17. On 14/11/17 Bn. (17 offrs. and 515 o.r.) was absorbed by 2/R. Ir. Rif. in 108th Bde., 36th Div. (also see note 43).

OTHER UNITS—76th Sanitary Section joined the 36th Division in England, went to France with the Division, and disembarked at le Havre on 6/10/15. On 14/4/17 the Sanitary Section left the 36th Division and took over IIIB Sanitary Area in IX Corps, Second Army.

36th Division Motor Ambce. Workshop left Grove Park on 16/9/15 and joined 36th Div. at Bordon. The Workshop left Bordon on 17/9/15, reached Belfast on 18/9/15, took over and shipped ambulances 19–22/9/15, reached Liverpool on 22/9/15, and Grove Park on 25/9/15. The Workshop left Grove Park on 29/9/15, arrived Avonmouth and shipped vehicles on 1/10/15, and personnel embarked at Southampton on 3/10/15. The Workshop reached Rouen on 4/10/15, left Rouen on 7/10/15, and joined 36th Div. at Flesselles on 8/10/15. On 9/4/16 the Workshop was disbanded and the personnel and vehicles were absorbed by 36th Div. Supply Column.

On 10/2/18 the reorganization of the 36th (Ulster) Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 24/2/18 the pioneer battalion (16/R. Ir. Rif.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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*B (H.) and C (H.)/LVII were also temporarily serving in IV LONDON (H.) BDE. (see Table and note 18).

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Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1914 October (Ireland)	107th[2]..... 108th[3]..... 109th[4].....	8/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. Rif., 10/R. Ir. Rif., 15/R. Ir. Rif. 11/R. Ir. Rif., 12/R. Ir. Rif., 13/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. F. 9/R. Innis., F., 10/R. Innis. F., 11/R. Innis F., 14/R. Ir. Rif.	1/ Service Sqdn.,[5] 6/(Innis.) Dgns. 36th Div. Cyclist Coy.[6]	...[7]	...	...	...	...	...	121st[8] 122nd[9]	36th[9]	16/ R. Ir. Rif.[10] (P.)	...	108th[11] 109th[11] 110th[11]	...	...	36th[12]
1915 July (England)	107th ..... 108th 109th	8/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. Rif., 10/R. Ir. Rif., 15/R. Ir. Rif. 11/R. Ir. Rif., 12/R. Ir. Rif., 13/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. F. 9/R. Innis. F., 10/R. Innis. F., 11/R. Innis. F., 14/R. Ir. Rif.	1/ Service Sqdn., 6/(Innis.) Dgns. 36th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CLIII[13] ; [21] CLIV (H.)[13] ; [22] CLXXII[13] ; [23] CLXXIII[13] ; [24]	A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.) A, B, C, D A, B, C, D	CLIII B.A.C. CLIV (H.) B.A.C. CLXXII B.A.C. CLXXIII B.A.C.	...	...	36th D.A.C. [13] ; [25]	121st 122nd 150th[14]	36th	16/ R. Ir. Rif. (P.)	...	108th 109th 110th	48th[15]	...	36th
1915 October (France)	107th ..... 108th 109th	8/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. Rif., 10/R. Ir. Rif., 15/R. Ir. Rif. 11/R. Ir. Rif., 12/R. Ir. Rif., 13/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. F. 9/R. Innis. F., 10/R. Innis. F., 11/R. Innis. F., 14/R. Ir. Rif.	1/ Service Sqdn.,[16] 6/(Innis.) Dgns. 36th Div. Cyclist Coy.[17]	I LONDON[18] II LONDON[18] III LONDON[18] IV LONDON (H.)[18]	1/, 2/, 3/Lond. 4/, 5/, 6/Lond. 7/, 8/, 9/Lond. 10/Lond. (H.), 11/ Lond. (H.); B (H.), LVII C (H.), LVII	I LOND. B.A.C. II/LOND. B.A.C. III/LOND. B.A.C. IV LOND. (H.) B.A.C.	...	...	10th D.A.C.[18]	121st 122nd 150th	36th	16/ R. Ir. Rif. (P.)	...	108th 109th 110th	48th	...	36th
1916 June (France)	107th ..... 108th 109th	8/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. Rif., 10/R. Ir. Rif., 15/R. Ir. Rif.; 107th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[19] 107th T.M. Bty.[20] 11/R. Ir. Rif., 12/R. Ir. Rif., 13/R. Ir. Rif., 9/R. Ir. F.; 108th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[19] 108th T.M. Bty.[20] 9/R. Innis. F., 10/R. Innis. F., 11/R. Innis. F., 14/R. Ir. Rif.; 109th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[19] 109th T.M. Bty.[20]	...	CLIII[21] ; [26] .... CLIV[22] ; [26] ..... CLXXII[23] ; [27] CLXXIII[24] ; [28]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...[26]	X.36[26] Y.36[26] Z.36[26]	V.36[27]	36th D.A.C.[26]	121st 122nd 150th	36th	16/ R. Ir. Rif. (P.)	...	108th 109th 110th	48th	...	36th

		Ir. Rif.; 109th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[19] 109th T.M. Bty.[20]															
1917 June (France)	107th	8/R. Ir. Rif.,[20] 9/R. Ir. Rif.,[20] 10/R. Ir. Rif.,[20] 15/R. Ir. Rif.; 107th M.G. Coy.;[47] 107th T.M. Bty.	...	CLIII[38] ..... CLXXIII[38]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.36 Y.36 Z.36[39]	V.36[39]	36th D.A.C.	121st 122nd 150th	36th	16/ R. Ir. Rif. (P.)	266th[40] M.G. Coy.	108th 109th 110th	48th	233rd[41]	36th
	108th	11/R. Ir. Rif.,[20] 12/R. Ir. Rif., 13/R Ir. Rif.,[20] 9/R. Ir. F.;[21] 108th M.G. Coy.;[47] 108th T.M. Bty.															
	109th	9/R. Innis. F., 10/R. Innis. F.,[22] 11/R. Innis. F.,[22] 14/ R. Ir. Rif.;[24] 109th M.G. Coy.;[47]; 109th T.M. Bty															
1918 March (France)	107th	1/R. Ir. Rif.,[42] 2/R. Ir. Rif.,[42] 15/R. Ir. Rif.; 107th T.M. Bty.	...	CLIII ..... CLXXIII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.36 Y.36	...	36th D.A.C.	121st 122nd 150th	36th	16/ R. Ir. Rif. (P.)	No. 36 Bn.,[47] M.G.C.	108th 109th 110th	48th	233rd	36th
	108th	12/R. Ir. Rif., 1/R. Ir. F.,[44] 9/(N. Irish Horse) R. Ir. F.;[21] 108th T.M. Bty.															
	109th	1/R. Innis. F.,[45] 2/R. Innis. F.,[46] 9/R. Innis. F.; 109th T.M. Bty.															

NOTES

[1] On 28/10/14 the Ulster Division became the 36th (Ulster) Division.

[2] Raised as 1st Bde.; on 2/11/14 it became 107th Bde. The four Bns. were the East, West, South, and North Belfast Volunteers.

[3] Raised as 2nd Bde.; on 2/11/14 it became 108th Bde. The four Bns. were the South Antrim, Central Antrim, Down, and County Armagh Volunteers.

[4] Raised as 3rd Bde.; on 2/11/14 it became 109th Bde. The four Bns. were the Tyrone, Derry, Donegal & Fermanagh, and Young Citizens Volunteers.

[5] The 1/Service Sqdn. was formed between 8/10–8/11/14 at Enniskillen.

[6] The Cyclist Coy. began to form on 18/11/14 (W.E. 200).

[7] No Artillery joined the Division in Ireland. CXLII, CXLIII, CXLIV, and CXLV (How.) Bdes., R.F.A., were to be raised for the 36th Div., but these four Fd. Arty. Bdes. were never formed.

[8] Raised with the Division, and reached Antrim on 11/11/14.

[9] Formed by 10/11/14.

[10] Bn. began to form on 2/12/14; became Divnl' Pioneer Bn. on 6/1/15.

[11] The three Fd. Ambces. were forming in Nov. 1914.

[12] The Train was formed in Nov. 1914; it consisted of 251, 252, 253, and 254 Cos., A.S.C. On 23/10/15 the Cos. became Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 Cos., 36th Div. Train.

[13] The Artillery Bdes. were designated: Empire (CLIII & CLIV), West Ham (CLXXII), and East Ham (CLXXIII); and the D.A.C. was West Ham. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. When the Division went to France in Oct. 1915 the Divnl. Artillery remained temporarily in England.

[14] Joined at Antrim by March 1915.

[15] Joined Div. in England, went to France with Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 6/10/15.

[16] 1/Service Sqdn. disembkd. at le Havre on 6/10/15; was attached to Meerut Cav. Bde., 2nd Ind. Cav. Div., 13–26/4/16. On 21/6/16 Sqdn. left 36th Div. and joined X Corps Cav. Regt.

[17] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 4/10/15; was attached to Meerut Cav. Bde., 2nd Ind. Cav. Div., 13–26/4/16. On 31/5/16 Coy. was broken up: half went to X Corps Cyclist Bn., and half went to 15/R. Ir. Rif. (107th Bde.).

[18] The four Artillery Bdes. and the D.A.C. went to France with 36th Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 4, 5, & 6/10/15. On 18/11/15 B (H.) & C (H.)/LVII (H.) left 36th Div., rejoined 10th Div. at Mudros, and on 13/12/15 disembkd. at Salonika with 10th Div. I, II, III, IV (H.) Loud. Bdes. left 36th Div. in France on 11 & 12/12/15, and on 25 & 26/2/16 the 4 Bdes. rejoined the reformed 56th (1st London) Div. in France. The D.A.C. joined 56th Div. on 27/2/16 and became 56th D.A.C. (The 3 Gun Bdes. had been re-armed with 18-pdr. Q.F.s, and the four howitzer batteries with 4.5" Howitzers, in England, on their attachment to the 36th Div.)

[19] The M.G. Cos. were formed:
107th on 18/12/15 at Forceville; **108th** on 26/1/16 at Ribeaucourt; and **109th** on 23/1/16 at Flesquières.

NOTES—*continued*

[20] T.M. Bties. were formed in Bdes.:

107th—107/1 by 1/4/16, 107/2 joined on 15/4/16, and they became 107th T.M. Bty. by 23/6/16;

108th—108/1 & 108/2 by 1/4/16, and they became 108th T.M. Bty. on 23/6/16;

109th—109/1 & 109/2 by 7/4/16, and they became 109th T.M. Bty. by 21/6/16.

[21] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 27/11/15 and rejoined 36th Div. On 21 & 22/5/16 D Bty. was transferred and became C/CLIV; and C (H.)/CLIV joined Bde. and became D (H.)/CLIII.

[22] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 1/12/15 and rejoined 36th Div. on 3/12/15. On 28/2/16 A (H.) left Bde. and joined 46th Div., became R (H.)/IV N. Mid. Bde. on 8/3/16, and on 23/5/16 became D (H.)/CCXXXI. On 21/5/16 CLIV was reorganized: B (H.), C (H.), & D (H.) left and became D (H.)/CLXXIII, D (H.)/CLIII, and D (H.)/CLXXII; and D/CLXXII, D/CLXXIII, and D/CLIII joined and became A, B, & C/CLIV.

[23] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 27/11/15 and rejoined 36th Div. On 20 & 21/5/16 D Bty. was transferred and became A/CLIV, and D (H.)/CLIV joined Bde. and became D (H.)/CLXXII.

[24] Bde. disembkd. at le Havre on 28/11/15 and rejoined 36th Div. On 21/5/16 D Bty. was transferred and became B/CLIV; and B (H.)/CLIV joined Bde. and became D (H.)/CLXXIII.

[25] D.A.C. disembkd. at le Havre on 28/11/15 and rejoined 36th Div. Between 16–18/5/16 B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

[26] Medium T.M. Bties. were formed by 1/6/16.

[27] Heavy T.M. Bty. was formed by 20/6/16.

[28] These 2 Bns. amalgamated on 28/8/17 and became 8/9/R. Ir. Rif. On 7/2/18 the Bn. was disbanded: 32 offrs. & 650 o.r. were sent to other Bns., and surplus joined No. 21 Entg. Bn.

[29] Bn. ceased to form part of Bde. on 10/2/18; on 20/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and became part of No. 21 Entg. Bn.

[30] These 2 Bns. amalgamated on 13/11/17 and became 11/13/R. Ir. Rif. On 10/2/18 the Bn. left the Bde. and moved into Divnl. Res.; on 19/2/18 Bn. left 36th Div. and became No. 22 Entg. Bn. in XIX Corps.

[31] On 25/9/17 Bn. absorbed 304 o.r. of B & C Sqdns., N. Ir. Horse (X Corps Cav. Regt.); Bn. was then designated 9/(N. Irish Horse) R. Ir. F.

[32] On 4/2/18 Bn. left the Bde., moved into Divnl. Res., and sent a draft of 7 offrs. & 150 o.r. to 2/R. Innis. F. On 21/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and surplus joined No. 21 Entg. Bn.

[33] On 8/2/18 Bn. left the Bde., moved into Divnl. Res., and sent a draft of 20 offrs. & 400 o.r. to 9/R. Innis. F. On 21/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and surplus joined No. 23 Entg. Bn.

[34] On 10/2/18 Bn. left the Bde. and moved into Divnl. Res. On 18/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and surplus joined No. 23 Entg. Bn on 21/2/18.

[35] On 14/9/16 A was broken up to complete B and C to 6 guns each; A/CLIV joined and became A/CLIII. On 13/1/17 1 sec. D (H.)/CLXXII joined and made up D (H.)/CLIII to 6 hows.

[36] Between 11–14/9/16 C Bty. was broken up and made up A and B to 6 guns each; Bde. was then broken up: A/CLIV became A/CLIII and B/CLIV became B/CLXXIII.

[37] Between 4–12/9/16 CLXXII was reorganized: C Bty. was broken up to make up A and B to 6 guns each. On 7/10/16 529 (H.) Bty. joined Bde. and became C (H.)/CLXXII on 12/10/16. Between 13–31/1/17 CLXXII was broken up: D (H.) was broken up to complete D (H.)/CLIII and D (H.)/CLXXIII to 6 hows. each; C (H.) was broken up to complete D (H.)/LXXVII and D (H.)/CXIII A.F.A. Bdes. to 6 hows. each; A/CLXXII became C/LXXVII A.F.A. Bde.; and B/CLXXII became C/CXIII A.F.A. Bde.

[38] Between 11–14/9/16 B was broken up to complete A and C to 6 guns each; on 14/9/16 B/CLIV joined and became B/CLXXIII. On 13/1/17 1 sec. D (H.)/CLXXII joined and made up D (H.)/CLXXIII to 6 hows.

[39] Trench Mortars were reorganized on 11/2/18: Z was broken up and distributed between X and Y; and V Heavy T.M. Bty. was disbanded.

[40] Coy. left Grantham on 12/1/18, disembkd. at le Havre on 14/1/18, and joined Div. on 17/1/18.

[41] Coy. formed by 21/7/17.

[42] Bn. served in 25th Bde., 8th Div., until 3/2/18; the Bn. was then transferred to 107th Bde., 36th Div., and Bn. joined 107th Bde. on 4/2/18.

[43] Bn. served in 7th Bde., 3rd Div., from outbreak of Great War until 18/10/15, and from 20/10/15–13/11/17 in 74th Bde., 25th Div.; Bn. joined 108th Bde., 36th Div., on 14/11/17 and absorbed 7/R. Ir. Rif. (formerly in 48th Bde., 16th Div.). On 8/2/18 Bn. was transferred to and joined 107th Bde.

[44] Bn. served in 10th Bde., 4th Div., from outbreak of Great War until 2/8/17, joined 36th Div. on 3/8/17, and 107th Bde. on 24/8/17. On 8/2/18 Bn. was transferred to and joined 108th Bde.

[45] Bn. served in 87th Bde., 29th Div., until 5/2/18, when the Bn. was transferred to and joined 109th Bde.

[46] Bn. served in 12th Bde., 4th Div., from outbreak of Great War until 6/12/14 when Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops; served with 5th Bde., 2nd Div., from 26/1/15 until 22/7/15 when Bn. was transferred to Third Army Troops; served with 14th Bde., 5th Div., from 18/11/15 until 24/12/15 when Bn. was transferred to 96th Bde., 32nd Div. On 31/1/18 Bn. was transferred from 96th Bde., 32nd Div., to 109th Bde., 36th Div., and joined 109th Bde. on 3/2/18.

[47] Bn. was formed on 1/3/18; it consisted of 107th, 108th, 109th, and 266th M.G. Cos.

36TH (ULSTER) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

After the declaration of war with Germany there was a delay of some weeks, probably on political grounds, before the order was issued to form an Ulster Division. In the meantime, many of the volunteers from the Ulster Volunteer Force, as well as men from Ulster generally, had refused to wait; some crossed over and enlisted in battalions forming in England, but many more joined one of the two New Army Irish divisions (10th and 16th), which were also forming at that time—all these men were lost to the Ulster Division. On the other hand, several officers joined up in Ulster, on their own responsibility, and formed their men into companies and battalions. Then came the welcome order to form the Ulster Division, with its 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Infantry Brigades, and divisional troops.

The 1st Brigade assembled at Ballykinlar and Donard Lodge Camps; its four battalions were the East, West, South, and North Belfast Volunteers (8/, 9/, 10/, and 15/R. Ir. Rif.). The 2nd Brigade concentrated at Clandeboye Camp, and its four battalions were the South and Central Antrim (11/ and 12/R. Ir. Rif.), Down (13/R. Ir. Rif.), and County Armagh Volunteers (9/R. Ir. Fus.). The 3rd Brigade collected at Finner Camp, Ballyshannon; its four battalions were the Tyrone (9/R. Innis. Fus.), Derry (10/R. Innis. Fus.), Donegal and Fermanagh Volunteers (11/R. Innis. Fus.), and Young Citizens Volunteers of Belfast (14/R. Ir. Rif.).

The Service Squadron was formed at Enniskillen, and the Field Companies, Signal Company, Pioneer Battalion, Field Ambulances, and Train were raised with the Division. At first it had been suggested that the Artillery should also be raised in Ulster, but this project was not proceeded with.

Divisional headquarters opened at 29 Wellington Place, Belfast, and on Wednesday the 28th October the Ulster Division was numbered 36th, but retained "Ulster" as a sub-title, and on Monday the 2nd November the three infantry brigades received the numbers 107th, 108th, and 109th (see Appendix 2). These divisional and brigade numbers were unchanged for the remainder of the service of the Division.

10,000 complete outfits were provided for the Division by private enterprise, and in mid-November 180 service rifles arrived for each battalion. But in these early days there were only about two regular officers available to help with each unit, and progressive training was made difficult owing to the lack of essential equipment.

In March 1915 the G.O.C. was informed that certain Territorial Artillery had been reserved to complete the Division, and on the 12th April the 36th (Ulster) Division was allotted to the Sixth New Army. But at this time the original Fourth New Army was broken up so as to provide reinforcements (see Appendix 1), and on the 27th April the Sixth New Army became the Fifth New Army.

In July the Ulster Division left Ireland, concentrated at Seaford, and awaited the arrival of its Artillery. It was now that the G.O.C. learned that the Territorial Artillery intended for the 36th Division had been transferred to another New Army Division, and its place would be taken by newly-raised artillery brigades, recruited in the Croydon area (CLIII & CLIV) and in East and West Ham (CLXXII, CLXXIII, & D.A.C.). The G.O.C. and G.S.O.1. motored up from Seaford to inspect these brigades and found that so far no uniform, arms, or equipment had been issued, and the men were being taught to mount and dismount on wooden horses. Shortly afterwards the artillery was moved by rail to join the Division and the first articles to appear out of the baggage wagons were these wooden horses. On arrival, the artillery was quartered at Lewes, and very soon uniforms, equipment, harness, and guns were received.

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On the 20th July Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener inspected the Division at Seaford. Early in September the whole Division moved to Bordon and Bramshott, and the change of station was completed by the 14th. The last stage of the final preparation for the field was now undertaken. After a long period of strenuous and intelligent work, however, the Division had already reached a state of real efficiency, for it must be remembered that (with the exception of the artillery) the Division was composed almost entirely of Ulster Volunteers, and *sub rosa* they had been training (with some musketry) for about 18 months. It was in consequence of this early training that the rest of the Ulster Division was ready for the field before its artillery had completed its training and gun-practice; and very shortly after arrival in the Bordon area the Division received orders to move to France and was informed that it would be accompanied overseas by the 1st London Division Artillery, T.F., and the 10th D.A.C. (see General Notes, Table, and notes 18 and 21-25).

On Sunday the 26th September the first advance party left. On Thursday the 30th September H.M. the King inspected the Ulster Division on Hankley Common; and between the 3rd–6th October the Division crossed to France. By the 9th October concentration was completed around Flesselles (7 miles north of Amiens), and on the 13th the Ulster Division incurred its first war casualties.

For the remainder of the Great War the 36th (Ulster) Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

1915

1916

THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME

1 and 2 July ... ... **Battle of Albert** [X Corps, Fourth Army].

1917

7–9 June ... ... **Battle of Messines** [IX Corps, Second Army].
7 June ... ... **Capture of Wytschaete.**

BATTLES OF YPRES

16 and 17 August ... **Battle of Langemarck** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

20 and 21 November ... **The Tank Attack** [IV Corps, Third Army].
23–27 November ... ... **Capture of Bourlon Wood** [IV Corps, Third Army].
3 December ... ... **The German Counter-Attack** (108th Bde., with 61st Div.), [III Corps, Third Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 March	**Battle of St. Quentin** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
24 and 25 March ...	**Actions at the Somme Crossings** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
26 and 27 March ...	**Battle of Rosières** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

10 and 11 April	**Battle of Messines** (108th Bde., with 19th Div.), [IX Corps, Second Army].
13–15 April	**Battle of Bailleul** (108th Bde., with 19th Div.), [IX Corps, Second Army].
17–18 April	**First Battle of Kemmel Ridge** (108th Bde., with 19th Div.), [IX Corps, Second Army].
20 July–19 Sept.	**THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY** [X Corps, Second Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

28 Sept.–2 Oct.	**Battle of Ypres** [II Corps, Second Army].
14–19 October	**Battle of Courtrai** [II Corps, Second Army].
25 October	**Ooteghem** [II Corps, Second Army].

On the 27th October the 36th Division pushed on and occupied Kleineberg Ridge; on the 28th it was relieved in the front line and moved back towards the Lys valley between Courtrai and Menin, with headquarters at Belleghem. The Division was now transferred to X Corps. By the 4th November divisional headquarters and 107th and 108th Brigades moved into Mouscron (north-east of Tourcoing), and on the 9th the Division came under XV Corps. The troops were still occupying the same positions when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close at 11 a.m. on the 11th November.

The Division settled down for the winter at Mouscron (divisional headquarters, 107th and 108th Brigades, two field companies, two field ambulances, and the Train), Tourcoing (divisional artillery), Roncq (109th Brigade and one field company), and Sterrenhoek (one field ambulance). On the 7th December H.M. the King with T.R.H. The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert passed through the divisional area. During this month the troops were employed in military training and education, and 54,203 attendances were recorded at the divisional educational classes.

On the 30th and 31st January 1919 H.R.H. The Prince of Wales paid a two days' visit to the Division; and during this month about four thousand men left for demobilization. Gradually the Division dwindled, units were reduced to cadre, on the 1st June cadres were further reduced to equipment guard, and on the 29th June the Division ceased to exist. During the Great War the 36th (Ulster) Division lost 32,186 killed, wounded, and missing.

NOTE.—Marshal Foch's Message to the People of Northern Ireland (November 1928) is given in Appendix 5.

37TH DIVISION

G.O.C.

6 April 1915 ... ... Major-General COUNT GLEICHEN.*
22 October 1916 ... ... Major-General S. W. SCRASE-DICKENS (invalided, 9/11/16).
9 November 1916 ... ... Major-General H. BRUCE-WILLIAMS.

G.S.O.1.

6 April 1915...Lt.-Col. B. VINCENT.
28 Jan. 1917...Captain Sir T. R. L. THOMPSON, Bt. (acting).
1 Feb. 1917...Lt.-Col. J. G. DILL.
29 Oct. 1917...Major W. A. T. BOWLY (acting).
31 Oct. 1917...Lt.-Col. E. L. MAKIN.
5 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. W. A. T. BOWLY.
6 April 1918...Major W. ANDERSON (acting).
8 April 1918...Lt.-Col. P. S. ROWAN.
10 July 1918...Lt.-Col. W. PLATT.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

26 April 1915...Lt.-Col. L. F. GREEN-WILKINSON.
3 Jan. 1916...Major E. I. D. GORDON (acting).
8 Jan. 1916...Lt.-Col. A. D. M. BROWNE.
25 April 1918...Lt.-Col. H. N. A. HUNTER.
24 May 1918...Lt.-Col. H. G. REID.

B.-G. R.A.

16 April 1915...Br.-Gen. S. LUSHINGTON.
17 Sept. 1915...Br.-Gen. F. POTTS.

C.R.E.

1 June 1915...Lt.-Col. H. B. DES VOEUX.
4 Oct. 1916...Major V. GILES (acting).
8 Oct. 1916...Major R. F. A. BUTTERWORTH (acting).
15 Oct. 1916...Lt.-Col. H. DE L. POLLARD-LOWSLEY.
19 June 1918...Major R. D. JACKSON (tempy.).
1 July 1918...Lt.-Col. R. D. JACKSON.

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* By authority of H.M. the King, from 15/8/1917, Major-General Count Gleichen was known as Major-General Lord Edward Gleichen.

110th BDE.
(originally 131st Bde.)

8 April '15...Br.-Gen. E. G. T. BAINBRIDGE.
1 June '16...Lt.-Col. E. L. CHALLENOR (acting).
9 June '16...Br.-Gen. W. F. HESSEY.
(On 7/7/16 110th Bde. was transferred complete to 21st Division).

63rd BDE.

(On 8/7/16 63rd Bde. was transferred complete from 21st Division to 37th Division).
[7 Oct. '15]...Br.-Gen. E. R. HILL.
16 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. E. L. CHALLENOR.
26 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. R. OAKLEY.
21 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. A. B. HUBBACK.

111th BDE.
(originally 132nd Bde.)

9 April '15...Br.-Gen. R. W. R. BARNES.
(On 6/7/16 111th Bde. was attached to 34th Division).

102nd BDE.

(On 6/7/16 102nd Bde., from 34th Div., was attached to 37th Division).
[28 Dec. '14]...Br.-Gen. T. P. B. TERNAN.
(On 22/8/16 102nd Bde. rejoined 34th Division).

111th BDE.

(On 22/8/16 111th Bde. rejoined 37th Division, from 34th Division).
[9 April '15]...Br.-Gen. R. W. R. BARNES.
22 Nov. '16...Lt.-Col. W. W. SEYMOUR (acting).
26 Nov. '16...Br.-Gen. C. W. COMPTON.
19 Oct. '17...Br.-Gen. S. G. FRANCIS.

112th BDE.
(originally 133rd Bde.)

12 April '15...Br.-Gen. J. MARRIOTT.
14 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. P. M. ROBINSON.
(On 6/7/16 112th Bde. was attached to 34th Division).

103rd BDE.

(On 6/7/16 103rd Bde., from 34th Div., was attached to 37th Division).
[4 July '16]...Br.-Gen. H. E. TREVOR.
(On 22/8/16 103rd Bde. rejoined 34th Division).

112th BDE.

(On 22/8/16 112th Bde. rejoined 37th Division, from 34th Division).
[14 Sept. '15]...Br.-Gen. P. M. ROBINSON.
29 Nov. '16...Lt.-Col. R. P. COBBOLD (acting).
2 Dec. '16...Br.-Gen. A. ST. Q. RICARDO.
10 Jan. '17...Lt.-Col. R. P. COBBOLD (acting).
14 Jan. '17...Br.-Gen. R. C. MACLACHLAN (killed, 11/8/17).
11 Aug. '17...Lt.-Col. R. C. CHESTER-MASTER (acting).
16 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. A. E. IRVINE.
27 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. W. N. HERBERT.

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 37th Division :—

102nd Inf. Bde. (Br.-Gen. T. P. B. Ternan–20/N.F., 21/N.F., 22/N.F., 23/N.F., 102nd M.G. Coy., 102nd T.M. Bty.); **103rd Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. H. E. Trevor – 24/N.F., 25/N.F., 26/N.F., 27/N.F., 103rd M.G. Coy., 103rd T.M. Bty.); and **18/N.F. (P.),**	from 34th Division, were attached from 6/7–22/8/16 to the 37th Division, in exchange for	**111th Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. R. W. R. Barnes), **112th Inf. Bde.** (Br.-Gen. P. M. Robinson), and **9/N. Staff (P.).**

ARTILLERY—502 (H.) Battery R.F.A. (4, 4.5″ howitzers)–Monmouth. Territorial Howitzers—disembkd. at le Havre on 6/10/16, left le Havre on 8/10/16, and joined CXXVI Bde.* on 9/10/16 (note 28).

37 Heavy Battery, R.G.A., was raised for the 37th Division ; but the Heavy Battery did not go overseas and was broken up at home.

MACHINE-GUN UNIT—16th Motor-Machine-Gun Battery left Bisley on 25/7/15, joined 37th Division at Perham Down on 26/7/15, and disembkd. at le Havre on 29/7/15. On 9/5/16 Battery was transferred to VII Corps, Third Army.

OTHER UNITS—37th Sanitary Section joined Division in England, disembkd. at le Havre on 1/8/15 ; between 12–20/4/17 the Section left the Division and took over a Sanitary Area in XVIII Corps, Third Army.

37th Division Motor Ambce. Workshop joined Division in England, went to France with the Division, and disembkd. at Rouen. Workshop left Rouen on 2/8/15 and rejoined Division at Eecke on 5/8/15 ; on 6/4/16 the Workshop was disbanded and absorbed by 37th Div. Supply Column.

On 21/2/18 the reorganization of the 37th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 28/2/18 the pioneer battalion (9/N. Staff.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

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* CXXVI Bde., which was broken up in January 1917 (note 28), must not be confused with CXXVI A.F.A. Bde. (A & B/2/1/H.A.C. and 2/1/Warwickshire Batteries, and B.A.C.) ; CXXVI A.F.A. Bde. was formed in England in 1917 and disembkd. at Boulogne on 21/6/17.

37TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 April (England)	110th[2]; [3] ..	6/Leic., 7/Leic., 8/Leic., 9/Leic.	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & B Sqdn.,[6] 1/Q.O. York. Dgns. 37th Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CXXIII[8]	A, B, C, D	CXXIII B.A.C.	...	...	37th D.A.C.	152nd[9]	37th[10]	9/N. Staff.[11] (P.)	...	48th[12]	28th[13]	...	37th[14]
	111th[2]; [4] ..	10/R.F., 13/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/R.B.		CXXIV[8]	A, B, C, D	CXXIV B.A.C.				153rd[9]				49th[12]			
	112th[2]; [5] ..	11/R. War., 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc., 10/L.N.L.		CXXV[8] ..... CXXVI (H.)[8]	A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXXV B.A.C. CXXVI (H.) B.A.C.				154th[9]				50th[12]			
1915 August (France)	110th	6/Leic., 7/Leic., 8/Leic., 9/Leic.	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & B Sqdn.,[15] 1/Q.O. York. Dgns. 37th Div. Cyclist Coy.[16]	CXXIII[17]	A, B, C, D	CXXIII B.A.C.	...	...	37th D.A.C.	152nd	37th	9/N. Staff. (P.)	...	48th	28th	...	37th
	111th	10/R.F., 13/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/R.B.		CXXIV[18]	A, B, C, D	CXXIV B.A.C.				153rd				49th			
	112th	11/R. War., 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc., 10/L.N.L.		CXXV[19] ..... CXXVI (H.)[20]	A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXXV B.A.C. CXXVI (H.) B.A.C.				154th				50th			
1916 May (France)	110th[21]	6/Leic., 7/Leic., 8/Leic., 9/Leic.; 110th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 110th T.M. Bty.[24]	...	CXXIII[17]; [25]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[29]	X.37[30]	V.37[31]	37th D.A.C.[32]	152nd	37th	9/N. Staff.[33] (P.)	...	48th	28th	...	37th
	111th[22]	10/R.F., 13/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/R.B.; 111th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 111th T.M. Bty.[24]		CXXIV[18]; [26]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.37[30]			153rd				49th			
	112th[22]	11/R. War., 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc., 10/L.N.L.; 112th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[23] 112th T.M. Bty.[24]		CXXV[19]; [27] ...	A, B, C; D (H.)		Z.37[30]			154th				50th			
				CXXVI[20]; [28]	A, B, C												
1917 June (France)	63rd[33]	8/Linc., 8/Som. L.I., 4/Middx., 10/Y. & L.;[33] 63rd M.G. Coy.;[44] 63rd T.M. Bty.	...	CXXIII[35]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.37	V.37[39]	37th D.A.C.	152nd	37th	9/N. Staff. (P.)	247th[40] M.G. Coy.	48th	28th	234th[41]	37th
	111th	10/R.F., 13/R.F.,[34] 13/K.R.R.C., 13/R.B.; 111th M.G. Coy.;[44] 111th T.M. Bty.		CXXIV[36]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.37			153rd				49th			
	112th	11/R. War.,[35] 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc.,[34] 10/L.N.L.;[37] 112th M.G. Coy.;[44] 112th T.M. Bty.					Z.37[38]			154th				50th			

	112th	M.G. Coy.;[37] 111th T.M. Bty. 11/R. War.,[35] 6/Bedf., 8/E. Lanc.,[36] 10/L.N.L.;[37] 112th M.G. Coy.;[44] 112th T.M. Bty.															
1918 March (France)	63rd ..... 111th 112th	8/Linc., 8/Som. L.I., 4/ Middx.; 63rd T.M. Bty. 10/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/ R.B.; 111th T.M. Bty. 13/R.F.,[34] 6/Bedf.,[42] 1/Essex;[43] 112th T.M. Bty.	...	CXXIII ..... CXXIV.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.37[38] Y.37[38]	...[39]	37th D.A.C.	152nd 153rd 154th	37th	9/N. Staff. (P.)	No. 37 Bn., M.G.C.[44]	48th 49th 50th	[illegible]		
1918 June (France)	63rd ..... 111th 112th	8/Linc., 8/Som. L.I., 4/ Middx.; 63rd T.M. Bty. 10/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., 13/ R.B.; 111th T.M. Bty. 13/R.F., 1/Essex, 1/1/Herts.;[45] 112th T.M. Bty.	...	CXXIII ..... CXXIV.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.37 Y.37	...	37th D.A.C.	152nd 153rd 154th	37th	9/N. Staff. (P.)	No. 37 Bn., M.G.C.	48th 49th 50th	28th	234th	37th

NOTES

[1] Raised as 44th Div. in March 1915; became 37th Div. by 27/4/15.

[2] Raised as 131st, 132nd, and 133rd Bdes.; became 110th, 111th, and 112th Bdes. by 27/4/15.

[3] The 4 Bns. were raised as Army Troops Bns.: 6/Leic. for First, 7/Leic. for Second, and 8/ and 9/Leic. for Third New Army.

[4] The 4 Bns. were raised as Army Troops Bns.: 10/R.F. for Second, and 13/R.F., 13/K.R.R.C., and 13/R.B. for Third New Army.

[5] The 4 Bns. were raised as Army Troops Bns.: 6/Bedf. for First, and 11/R. War., 8/E. Lanc., and 10/L.N.L. for Third New Army.

[6] Joined in England by 21/6/15, went to France with Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 1/8/15.

[7] Coy. was formed in the Div. by 14/5/15 and camped at Windmill Hill. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 30/7/15.

[8] The three 18-pdr. Bdes. were raised for the (original) 31st Div. (App. 1B); when the 31st Div. was broken up the 3 Bdes. joined the Arty. Reserve, and were posted to the 37th Div. by 15/4/15. The 4.5" How. Bde. was raised for the original 32nd Div. (App. 1C); when the 32nd Div. was broken up the Bde. joined the Arty. Reserve, and it was posted to the 37th Div. as the How. Bde. by 15/4/15.

The Bdes. were 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery.

[9] The Cos. joined by 14/4/15; they disembkd. at le Havre, 31/7–1/8/15.

[10] On 17/6/15 40th Div. Signal Coy. became 37th Div. Signal Coy. and joined 37th Div.

[11] The Pioneer Bn. (formerly an Army Troops Bn. of Third New Army) was selected on 19/4/15 and joined Div. on 20/4/15. The Pioneer Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 29/7/15.

[12] The Fd. Ambces. joined Div. in June 1915; they had been raised for 16th (Irish) Div. The Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at le Havre, 29/7–1/8/15.

[13] Joined Div. by 7/5/15; disembkd. at le Havre on 1/8/15, and concentrated with Div. on 3/8/15.

[14] Train consisted of 288, 289, 290, & 291 Cos., A.S.C.; it disembkd. at le Havre, 29–31/7/15.

[15] Sqdn. left Div. on 10/5/16; joined II Corps Cav. Regt. on 12/5/16.

[16] Coy. left Div. on 11/5/16; joined VII Corps Cyclist Bn. on 11/5/16.

[17] On 4/6/16 A Bty. was transferred and became C/CXXVI; D Bty. then became A/CXXIII; and B (H.)/CXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CXXIII.

[18] On 4/6/16 A Bty. was transferred and became A/CXXVI; D Bty. was transferred and became B/CXXVI; C/CXXV joined and became A/CXXIV; and A (H.)/CXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CXXIV.

[19] On 4/6/16 C Bty. was transferred and became A/CXXIV; D Bty. then became C/CXXV; and C (H.)/CXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CXXV.

[20] On 7/2/16 D (H.) Bty. and portion of B.A.C. were transferred to 48th Div. and became D (H.)/CCXLIII (H.) and on 18/5/16 D (H.)/CCXLIII became D (H.)/CCXLII.

On 4/6/16 CXXVI was reorganized: A (H.), B (H.), & C (H.) Bties. left and became D (H.)/CXXIV, D (H.)/CXXIII, and D (H.)/CXXV; A & D/CXXIV joined and became A & B/CXXVI, and A/CXXIII joined and became C/CXXVI.

[21] On 7/7/16 110th Bde. was transferred complete to 21st Div. in exchange for 63rd Bde. (note 32).

[22] From 6/7–22/8/16 111th and 112th Bdes. & 9/N. Staff. (P.), were attached to 34th Div. in exchange for 102nd and 103rd Bdes. (see General Notes).

[23] M.G. Cos. joined from Grantham:

110th—left Grantham on 24/2/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 2/3/16, joined Bde. on 4/3/16. M.G. Coy. was transferred with 110th Bde. to 21st Div. on 7/7/16 (note 21);

111th—disembkd. at le Havre on 25/2/16, joined Bde. on 4/3/16;

112th—left Grantham on 24/2/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 2/3/16, and joined Bde. on 4/3/16.

NOTES—*continued*

[24] T.M. Bties. were formed in Bdes.:

110th—110/1 on 23/3/16, 110/2 by 13/5/16, and they became 110th T.M. Bty. on 13/6/16 (110th T.M. Bty. was transferred with 110th Bde. to 21st Div. on 7/7/16—note 21);

111th—111/1 & 111/2 by 3/5/16, and they became 111th T.M. Bty. by 2/7/16;

112th—112/1 by 30/3/16, 112/2 by 15/5/16, and they became 112th T.M. Bty. by 1/7/16.

[25] On 30/8/16 B/CXXIII was broken up to complete A and C to 6 guns each; B/CXXV (completed to 6 guns by 1 sec. A/CXXV) joined CXXIII and became B/CXXIII. On 25/1/17 R. Sec. C (H.)/CXXVI joined and made up D (H.)/CXXIII to 6 hows.

[26] On 31/8/16 C/CXXIV was broken up to complete A and B to 6 guns each; C/CXXV (completed to 6 guns by 1 sec. A/CXXV) joined CXXIV and became C/CXXIV. On 25/1/17 L. Sec. C (H.)/CXXVI joined and made up D (H.)/CXXIV to 6 hows.

[27] On 31/8/16 Bde. was broken up: A Bty. was broken up to complete B and C to 6 guns each; B then became B/CXXIII and C became C/CXXIV; D (H.) was transferred and became D (H.)/CXXVI.

[28] On 30/8/16 B Bty. was broken up to complete A and C to 6 guns each, and D (H.)/CXXV joined and became D (H.)/CXXVI. On 9/10/16 502 (H.) Bty. (Monmouth. Terrtl. Howitzers) joined CXXVI; on 23/10/16 C Bty. became B Bty. and 502 (H.) then became C (H.)/CXXVI. On 25/1/17 C (H.)—late 502 (H.)—was broken up: R. Sec. made up D (H.)/CXXIII and L. Sec. made up D (H.)/CXXIV to 6 hows. each; A Bty. was transferred and became A/XVIII A.F.A. Bde.; B Bty. was transferred and became A/CCLXXXII A.F.A. Bde. On 28/1/17 D (H.) was broken up: R. Sec. made up D (H.)/CCLXXXII A.F.A. Bde. and L. Sec. made up D (H.)/XVIII A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows. each; CXXVI Bde. was then broken up.

[29] Between 21–23/5/16 B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

[30] The 3 Medium T.M. Bties. were formed by May 1916.

[31] The Heavy T.M. Bty. was formed on 25/5/16.

[32] On 8/7/16 63rd Bde. was transferred complete from 21st Div. to 37th Div., in exchange for 110th Bde. (note 21).

[33] On 4/2/18 the Bn. was disbanded.

[34] On 4/2/18 the Bn. was transferred to 112th Bde.

[35] On 7/2/18 the Bn. was disbanded: 32 offrs. and 650 o.r. were drafted; remdr. went to Divnl. Rft. Camp on 14/2/18, and on 21/2/18 joined No. 15 Entg. Bn.

[36] On 4/2/18 20 offrs. and 400 o.r. were transferred to 11/E. Lanc. (31st Div.); on 21/2/18, 8/E. Lanc. was disbanded and surplus joined Inf. Base Depot at Etaples.

[37] On 4/2/18 the Bn. was disbanded.

[38] On 6/2/18 Z was split up between X and Y.

[39] On 6/2/18 V H.T.M. Bty. left the Div.

[40] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 16/7/17 and joined Div. at Dranoutre on 19/7/17.

[41] Coy. was formed by 16/6/17.

[42] On 20/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C.; on 21/5/18 T.C. was transferred to 39th Div., and remdr. was absorbed by 1/Herts. (note 45).

[43] Bn. served with 88th Bde., 29th Div., until 4/2/18; Bn. was then transferred to and joined 112th Bde. on 4/2/18.

[44] Bn. was formed at Bristol Camp, Dickebusch, on 4/3/18; it consisted of 63rd, 111th, 112th, and 247th M.G. Cos.

[45] Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 6/11/14, joined 2nd Div. (in front of Ypres) on 12/11/14, 4th (Gds.) Bde., 2nd Div., on 20/11/14, and 6th Bde., 2nd Div., on 19/8/15. Bn. was transferred to 118th Bde., 39th Div., on 29/2/16; to 116th Bde., 39th Div., on 8/2/18; and joined 112th Bde., 37th Div., on 11/5/18. On the way up to join the 112th Bde. on 11/5/18, the Bn. (about 25 offrs. & 500 o.r.) marched into an area already infected by a concentrated German gas-shell bombardment; all the Bn. became casualties, except 1 offr. & 7 o.r.; and on 12/5/18 the offr. and 5 of the 7 men had to be evacuated to the C.C.S.

On 22/5/18 1/1/Herts. absorbed remdr. (30 offrs. & 650 o.r.) of 6/Bedf. (note 42).

37TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The Division began to form in the middle of March 1915. It was raised for the Sixth New Army and at first was numbered 44th, its infantry brigades were the 131st, 132nd, and 133rd.

On the 10th April orders were issued to break up the six divisions of the original Fourth New Army and to use the service battalions of these six divisions for training and providing reinforcements. On the 12th April it was decided that the 16th (Irish) Division should be replaced in the Second New Army by another division formed of the Army Troops battalions which had been raised for the first three New Armies; the artillery reserves would provide the artillery and the B.-G., R.A., was to be appointed at once. As soon as possible the selected division would be concentrated near Salisbury for its final training. The 44th Division was the one selected; it was at once renumbered 37th, and its Infantry Brigades became the 110th, 111th, and 112th (see Appendix 2). A divisional commander had already been appointed; on the 12th April divisional headquarters opened at Andover and the Division began to assemble. The thirteen infantry battalions were provided by the Army Troops battalions of the first three New Armies: two came from the First, two from the Second, and nine from the Third New Army. The Artillery had been raised for the original 31st and 32nd Divisions (Appendices 1B and 1C): CXXIII, CXXIV, and CXXV were raised for the original 31st Division; when that division was broken up the three field artillery brigades joined the Artillery Reserve, and by the 15th April they were posted to the 37th Division. In a similar way CXXVI, raised for the original 32nd Division, was transferred to the Artillery Reserve, and then, by the 15th April, posted as the Howitzer Brigade to the 37th Division. In June the three field ambulances were transferred from the 16th Division to the 37th. It was in this way that the Division was completed.

Collected as they were from the Army Troops battalions of the first three New Armies, the origins and early histories of the thirteen battalions differed considerably. It will suffice to give two examples. One battalion (originally raised as part of the Second New Army) was composed of City of London business staffs. Recruiting for this battalion began on the 21st August 1914 and 210 men presented themselves; six days later the strength of the unit was 1,600. At first the men paraded in all sorts of clothing: men in silk hats and morning coats fell in alongside others who wore caps and norfolk jackets. This battalion served in the 37th Division from April 1915 until the Armistice and it had 2,647 casualties. Another battalion (which was raised in September 1914 for the Third New Army) trained at first near Pokesdown and was attached to an infantry brigade. In the early days very little equipment and uniform were available and each company possessed only a few antiquated Lee-Enfield rifles. Battalion training consisted in daily route marches, lectures, and a bi-weekly attack on Foxbury Hill, varied with outpost schemes and night occupations of Hengistbury Head to repel a repeatedly-invading enemy. Guards also were posted along the shore to watch for German submarines; but it was never made clear how the enemy vessels were to be distinguished from our own submarines. In the early spring, brigade exercises began; and then came the arrival of the mules. It was noticed that the animals were unshod; thereupon the farrier-sergeant determined to remedy the matter at once, he picked up the hind leg of the nearest mule for a preliminary inspection, and—promptly disappeared.

By April 1915, however, when the various units were selected to form the 37th Division, they had all been in existence some months, and they had already succeeded in overcoming the early and very real difficulties attendant on a shortage of trained instructors, complicated by the small number of modern arms which were available, and insufficient equipment. Consequently it was only necessary to undertake the final preparation of the Division for the field.

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The concentration on Salisbury Plain was completed without any loss of time, and on the 21st April divisional headquarters moved to Cholderton. Divisional training was intensive; and on the 25th June H.M. the King inspected the 37th Division on Sidbury Hill. In July the Division received orders to move to France; the advance party left on the 22nd July, embarkation began on the 28th and continued until the 31st July, and on the 2nd August the Division completed its concentration around Tilques (north-west of St. Omer).

For the remainder of the Great War the 37th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

1915

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME*

13–18 November	**Battle of the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].**

1917

BATTLES OF ARRAS

9–11 April	**First Battle of the Scarpe** [VI Corps, Third Army].
11 April	**Capture of Monchy le Preux.**
23 & 24 April	**Second Battle of the Scarpe** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
28 & 29 April	**Battle of Arleux** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

31 July–2 August... ...	**Battle of Pilckem Ridge** [IX Corps, Second Army].
22–25 September	**Battle of the Menin Road Ridge** (112th Bde., with 39th Div., X Corps, 22 & 23/9/17; & with 19th Div., IX Corps, 23–25/9/17) [Second Army].
27 Sept.–3 Oct.	**Battle of Polygon Wood** [IX Corps, Second Army].
4 October	**Battle of Broodseinde** [IX Corps, Second Army].
9 October	**Battle of Poelcappelle** [IX Corps, Second Army].
12 October	**First Battle of Passchendaele** [IX Corps, Second Army].

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* From 6/7–22/8/16 the 111th and 112th Inf. Bdes. and 9/N. Staff. (P.) were attached to the 34th Division and took part with it in the Battles of the Somme, 1916—Battle of Albert (part), Battle of Bazentin Ridge, and Battle of Pozières Ridge (see General Notes 34th and 37th Divisions, and Engagements 34th Division).

** In the Battle of the Ancre the 63rd and 111th Inf. Bdes. served from 13/11/16 with the 63rd (R.N.) Division, and the 112th Inf. Bde. served from 13–17/11/16 with the 2nd Division (112th rejoined 37th Division on 17/11/16). At noon on 15/11/16 the 37th Division took over the 63rd (R.N.) Div. front with the 63rd and 111th Inf. Bdes. (The 37th Division held this part of the line until relieved by the 7th Division at 6 a.m., 26/11/16.) 37th Division Artillery also took part in the Battle of the Ancre (13–18/11/16), covering 63rd (R.N.) Div., from 13/11/16, and 37th Div. from 15/11/16.

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

5 April ... ... **Battle of the Ancre** [IV Corps, Third Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 August ... ... **Battle of Albert** [IV Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

12 September ... ... **Battle of Havrincourt** [IV Corps, Third Army].
1 October ... ... **Battle of the Canal du Nord** [IV Corps, Third Army].
8 and 9 October... ... **Battle of Cambrai** [IV Corps, Third Army].
9–12 October ... ... **Pursuit to the Selle** [IV Corps, Third Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

22–25 October ... ... **Battle of the Selle** [IV Corps, Third Army].
4 November ... ... **Battle of the Sambre** [IV Corps, Third Army].

Early on the 5th November the 5th Division passed through the 37th and the latter then concentrated and rested southward of le Quesnoy. On the 11th November the 37th Division moved back to the Bethencourt-Caudry area, and during the march it was informed that at 11 a.m. the Armistice with Germany had come into force. The units were now employed in training, education, and recreation, and on the 23rd the divisional R.E. and the pioneer battalion rejoined. On the 24th November the Division was informed that it was to move to an area north of Charleroi, and on the 1st December the march began. Between the 2nd–14th the Division halted in billets north of le Quesnoy; the move was then continued, and on the 20th December the Division settled down in its final billets between Charleroi and the Maubeuge–Nivelles road, with divisional headquarters at Gosselies. Units were employed in educational training, and on the 26th December demobilization began.

During January 1919 demobilization and education continued. On the 15th February orders were received that the Division would gradually be reduced, and at midnight on the 24th/25th March it ceased to exist. During the Great War the 37th Division lost 29,969 killed, wounded, and missing.

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G.O.C.

19 January 1915	Major-General I. PHILIPPS.
9 July 1916	Major-General H. E. WATTS (tempy.).
12 July 1916	Major-General C. G. BLACKADER.
22 October 1917	Br.-Gen. E. W. ALEXANDER, V.C. (tempy.).
17 November 1917	Br.-Gen. W. A. M. THOMPSON (acting).
22 November 1917	Major-General C. G. BLACKADER (sick, 20/5/18).
20 May 1918	Br.-Gen. H. E. AP RHYS PRYCE (acting).
23 May 1918	Major-General T. A. CUBITT.

G.S.O.1.

21 April 1915...Major H. C. REES (acting).
18 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. H. E. AP RHYS PRYCE.
9 July 1916...Lt.-Col. C. BONHAM-CARTER (tempy.).
12 July 1916...Lt.-Col. H. E. AP RHYS PRYCE.
17 Oct. 1917...Lt.-Col. J. E. MUNBY.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

25 Feb. 1915...Major P. MALCOLM (acting).
19 April 1915...Major H. E. AP RHYS PRYCE (acting).
20 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. C. E. WILLES.
15 Sept. 1916...Major H. M. PRYCE-JONES (acting).
18 Oct. 1916...Lt.-Col. H. M. PRYCE-JONES.
5 Dec. 1917...Lt.-Col. H. R. LEE.

B.-G., R.A.

13 July 1915...Br.-Gen. W. A. M. THOMPSON.
20 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. W. C. E. RUDKIN (acting).
1 April 1918...Br.-Gen. T. E. TOPPING.

C.R.E.

11 Nov. 1914...Lt.-Col. A. PEARSON.
1 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. E. H. DE V. ATKINSON.
16 May 1916...Lt.-Col. G. S. KNOX (sick, 1/7/16).
1 July 1916...Major I. W. LAMONBY (acting).
6 July 1916...Lt.-Col. C. G. FALCON.
22 Sept. 1916...Lt.-Col. B. S. PHILLPOTTS (wd., 2/9/17; died 4/9/17).
3 Sept. 1917...Major J. C. I. WOOD (acting).
8 Sept. 1917...Lt.-Col. T. E. KELSALL.
[15 Nov. 1918...Lt.-Col. M. WHITWILL].

113th BDE.
(previously 128th Bde.; originally 1st Bde.)

30 Oct. '14...Br.-Gen. O. THOMAS.
25 Nov. '15...Br.-Gen. L. A. E. PRICE-DAVIES, V.C.
15 Oct. '17...Lt.-Col. R. O. CAMPBELL (acting).
17 Oct. '17...Br.-Gen. H. E. AP RHYS PRYCE.
[19 Nov. '18...Br.-Gen. A. CARTON DE WIART, V.C.].

114th BDE.
(previously 129th Bde.; originally 2nd Bde.)

27 Oct. '14...Br.-Gen. R. H. W. DUNN.
10 Nov. '15...Br.-Gen. T. O. MARDEN.
19 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. A. R. HARMAN.
6 Aug. '18...Br.-Gen. T. R. C. PRICE.

115th BDE.
(previously 130th Bde.; originally 3rd Bde.)

20 Nov. '14...Br.-Gen. I. PHILIPPS.
13 Feb. '15...Br.-Gen. H. J. EVANS.
30 Aug. '16...Br.-Gen. C. J. HICKIE.
7 Mar. '17...Lt.-Col. F. W. SMITH (acting).
9 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. J. R. MINSHULL-FORD (wd., 3/6/17).
4 June '17...Lt.-Col. J. H. HAYES (acting).
9 June '17...Br.-Gen. T. G. COPE (sick, 14/7/17).
14 July '17...Lt.-Col. F. W. SMITH (acting).
19 July '17...Lt.-Col. J. H. HAYES (acting).
20 July '17...Br.-Gen. G. GWYN-THOMAS (sick, 2/4/18).
2 April '18...Lt.-Col. J. B. COCKBURN (acting).
6 April '18...Br.-Gen. A. CARTON DE WIART, V.C. (tempy.).
7 April '18...Lt.-Col. J. B. COCKBURN (acting).
16 April '18...Br.-Gen. W. B. HULKE (wd., 30/8/18).
30 Aug. '18...Lt.-Col. C. C. NORMAN (acting).
5 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. H. D. DE PREE.

GENERAL NOTES

The following also served with the 38th (Welsh) Division :—

ARTILLERY :—

I LONDON, II LONDON, III LONDON, IV LONDON (H.) BDES., B.A.C.s, and 10th D.A.C.	Transferred from 36th (Ulster) Division on 11 and 12/12/15, this Artillery served with 38th (Welsh) Division until 1–3/1/16. The four Bdes. then rejoined the reformed 56th (1st London) Division in France on 25 and 26/2/16. The D.A.C. joined 56th Division on 27/2/16 and became 56th D.A.C. (The 3 Gun Bdes. had been rearmed with 18-pdr. Q.F.s, and the two Howitzer Batteries with four 4.5″ howitzers each, in England, before attachment to the 36th Division).

38 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. (4, 60-pdrs.) was raised for the 38th (Welsh) Division, but the Heavy Battery left the Division before the move to Winchester. 38 Heavy Battery went to France with XLII H.A.G., and disembkd. at le Havre on 30/3/16.

OTHER UNITS :—77th Sanitary Section joined the 38th Division in England, went to France with the Division, and disembkd. at le Havre on 6/12/15. On 9/4/17 the Sanitary Section left the 38th Division and took over I Sanitary Area in VIII Corps, Second Army.

38th Division Motor Ambce. Workshop. On the departure of the Meerut Division from France on 30/11/15 the Meerut Div. Supply Column, Ammunition Sub-Park, and Motor Ambce. Workshop Unit were transferred to XI Corps, and then to 38th (Welsh) Division. On 7/2/16 the Workshop Unit joined the 38th Division at Clarques. In March 1916 notification was received that the Workshop Unit would be absorbed by 38th Division Supply Column, and between 2–9/4/16 the Workshop Unit disappeared.

No. 5 (Welsh) Bacteriological Section (1 offr. & 2 o.r.) was raised for the 38th (Welsh) Division, went to France with the Division, and disembkd. at le Havre on 3/12/15. On arrival in France the Section was transferred to First Army.

On 12/2/18 the reorganization of the 38th (Welsh) Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 19/2/18 the pioneer battalion (19/Welsh) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

NOTE.—The 43rd Division originally included four "Bantam" battalions—18, 19/R.W.F., 12/S.W.B., and 17/Welsh. In August 1915, when the 38th (formerly 43rd) Division moved to Winchester, these four battalions remained in N. Wales ; later on 19/R.W.F., 12/S.W.B., and 17/Welsh joined the 40th Division and served with that division on the Western Front (see Table, 40th Division).

38TH (WELSH) DIVISION[1]

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 August (England)	113th[2]; [3] .. 114th[2]; [4] .. 115th[2]; [5] ..	13 R.W.F., 14/R.W.F., 15/R.W.F., 16/R.W.F. 10/Welsh, 13/Welsh, 14/Welsh, 15/Welsh 17/R.W.F., 10/S.W.B., 11/S.W.B., 16/Welsh	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & D Sqdn.,[6] R. Wilts. Yeo. 38th Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CXIX[8]; [9]..... CXX[8]; [9] ..... CXXI[9]; [9]..... CXXII (H.) [9]; [10]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXIX B.A.C. CXX B.A.C. CXXI B.A.C. CXXII (H.) B.A.C.	...	...	38th D.A.C.[11]	123rd[12] 124th[13] 151st[12]	38th[12]	19/Welsh[14] (P.)	...	129th[15] 130th[15] 131st[15]	49th[16]	...	38th[17]
1915 December (France)	113th ..... 114th 115th	13/R.W.F., 14/R.W.F., 15/R.W.F., 16/R.W.F. 10/Welsh, 13/Welsh, 14/Welsh, 15/Welsh 17/R.W.F., 10/S.W.B., 11/S.W.B., 16/Welsh	H.Q., M.G. Sec., & D Sqdn.,[18] R. Wilts. Yeo. 38th Div. Cyclist Coy.[19]	CXIX[20]..... CXX[21]..... CXXI[22]..... CXXII (H.)[23]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXIX B.A.C. CXX B.A.C. CXXI B.A.C. CXXII (H.) B.A.C.	...	...	38th D.A.C.	123rd 124th 151st	38th	19/Welsh (P.)	...	129th 130th 131st	49th	...	38th
1916 June (France)	113th ..... 114th 115th	13/R.W.F., 14/R.W.F., 15/R.W.F., 16/R.W.F.; 113th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 113th T.M. Bty.[25] 10/Welsh, 13/Welsh, 14/Welsh, 15/Welsh; 114th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 114th T.M. Bty.[25] 17/R.W.F., 10/S.W.B., 11/S.W.B., 16/Welsh; 115th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[24] 115th T.M. Bty.[25]	...	CXIX[20]; [26] .... CXX[21]; [27]..... CXXI[22]; [28] .... CXXII[23]; [29]...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...[32]	X.38[30] Y.38[30] Z.38[30]	V.38[31]	38th D.A.C.[33]	123rd 124th 151st	38th	19/Welsh (P.)	...	129th 130th 131st	49th	...	38th
1917 June (France)	113th ..... 114th 115th	13/R.W.F., 14/R.W.F., 15/R.W.F.,[34] 16/R.W.F.; 113th M.G. Coy.;[42] 113th T.M. Bty. 10/Welsh,[35] 13/Welsh, 14/Welsh, 15/Welsh; 114th M.G. Coy.;[43] 114th T.M. Bty. 17/R.W.F., 10/S.W.B., 11/S.W.B.,[36] 16/Welsh;[36] 115th M.G. Coy.;[44] 115th T.M. Bty.	...	CXXI[38]..... CXXII[39]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.38 Y.38 Z.38[37]	V.38[38]	38th D.A.C.	123rd 124th 151st	38th	19/Welsh (P.)	176th[39] M.G. Coy.	129th 130th 131st	49th	235th[40]	38th

		115th M.G. Coy.;[41] 115th T.M. Bty.															
1918 March (France)	113th ..... 114th 115th	13/R.W.F., 14/R.W.F., 16/R.W.F.; 113th T.M. Bty. 13/Welsh, 14/Welsh, 15/Welsh; 114th T.M. Bty. 2/R.W.F.,[41] 17/R.W.F., 10/S.W.B.; 115th T.M. Bty.	...	CXXI ..... CXXII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.38 Y.38	...	38th D.A.C.	123rd 124th 151st	38th	19/Welsh (P.)	No. 38 Bn., M.G.C.[43]	129th 130th 131st	49th	235th	38th

NOTES

[1] Raised as 43rd Div. on 10/12/14; became 38th (Welsh) Div. on 29/4/15.

[2] Raised as 128th, 129th, and 130th Bdes.; became 113th, 114th, and 115th Bdes. on 29/4/15.

[3] 13/, 14/, & 15/R.W.F. were designated: N. Wales "Pals," Caernarvon & Anglesey, and The London Welsh; 16/R.W.F. was formed of offrs. & men surplus to the W.E. of 13/R.W.F.

[4] The battalions were designated: 1st Rhondda, 2nd Rhondda, Swansea, and Carmarthenshire.

[5] 17/R.W.F. was raised at Llandudno and Blaenaw Festiniog; the other three were designated 1st Gwent, 2nd Gwent, and Cardiff City.

[6] Joined the Div. at Winchester; went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 4/12/15.

[7] Formed in the Div. at Conway on 22/4/15; went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre on 3/12/15.

[8] The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. The 4 Bdes. disembkd. at le Havre between 23–25/12/15.

[9] These three Brigades descended as follows from the Portheawl Batteries (see p. 87): CXIX from No. 2 Battery; CXX from No. 1 (The Cardiff) Battery; and CXXI from No. 4 Battery. The Bde. numbers (CXIX, CXX, CXXI), with all existing personnel, were transferred from the original 30th Div. (see App. 1A).

[10] This Howitzer Brigade (CXXII) descended from No. 3 Battery. The Bde. number (CXXII), with all existing personnel, was transferred from the original 31st Div. (see App. 1B).

[11] Disembkd. at le Havre on 25/12/15.

[12] Disembkd. at le Havre between 2–4/12/15.

[13] Disembkd. at le Havre between 2–5/12/15.

[14] Pioneer Bn. had Glamorgan as a sub-title; the personnel disembkd. at Boulogne on 5/12/15, the transport went via le Havre.

[15] Formed in Dec. 1914 and Jan. 1915, and designated 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; on 27/3/15 they were numbered 129th, 130th (St. John), and 131st; the 3 Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at le Havre between 2–6/12/15.

[16] Sec. disembkd. at le Havre on 5/12/15.

[17] Train consisted of 330, 331, 332, & 333 Cos., A.S.C.; the Train disembkd. at le Havre between 2–5/12/15.

[18] Attached to 1st Cav. Div. from 2–17/4/16; left 38th Div. on 9/5/16, and joined III Corps Cav. Regt. on 11/5/16; transferred to XV Corps Cav. Regt. on 21/5/16.

[19] Attached to 1st Cav. Div. from 2–17/4/16; left 38th Div. on 10/5/16, and joined XI Corps Cyclist Bn.

[20] On 24/5/16 A/CXIX left and became A/CXXII; D/CXIX became A/CXIX; and A (H.)/CXXII joined and became D (H.)/CXIX.

[21] On 24/5/16 B/CXX left and became B/CXXII; D/CXX became B/CXX; and B (H.)/CXXII joined and became D (H.)/CXX.

[22] On 24/5/16 C/CXXI left and became C/CXXII; D/CXXI became C/CXXI; and D (H.)/CXXII joined and became D (H.)/CXXI.

[23] Between 22–24/5/16 A (H.), B (H), and D (H.) left and became D (H.)/CXIX, D (H.)/CXX, and D (H.)/CXXI; C (H.)/CXXII became D (H.)/CXXII; and A/CXIX, B/CXX, and C/CXXI joined and became A, B, and C/CXXII.

NOTES—*continued*

[24] M.G. Cos. joined from Grantham:

113th, 114th, and 115th—disembkd. at le Havre on on 17/5/16, and joined the Inf. Bdes. on 19/5/16.

[25] T.M. Bties. were formed in Bdes.:

113th—38/1 & 2 on 26/12/15, became 113/A & B on 24/1/16, became 113/1 & 2 on 16/3/16, and on 17/6/16 became 113th T.M. Bty.;

114th—38/3 & 4 on 26/12/15, became 114/A & B on 24/1/16, became 114/1 & 2 on 16/3/16, and on 17/6/16 became 114th T.M. Bty.;

115th—38/5 & 6 on 26/12/15, became 115/A & B on 24/1/16, became 115/1 & 2 on 16/3/16, and on 17/6/16 became 115th T.M. Bty.

[26] On 28/8/16 C was split up to make up A and B to 6 guns each, and on 29/8/16 D (H.)/CXX joined and became C (H.)/CXIX. On 14/1/17 CXIX became an A.F.A. Bde.: C (H.) was split up and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CXXI and 1 sec. made up D (H.)/CXXII to 6 hows. each; B/CLXXIX (from 39th Div. Arty.) joined and became C/CXIX; on 18/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.)/CLXXIX joined and made up D (H.)/CXIX to 6 hows.; and No. 3 Sec., 38th D.A.C. became CXIX B.A.C.

[27] On 28 & 29/8/16 B was broken up: 1 sec. made up A/CXX to 6 guns and 1 sec. made up B/CXXII; A/CXX became A/CXXI; C/CXX joined CXXII, was made up to 6 guns by 1 sec. C/CXXII, and became C/CXXII; and D (H.)/CXX became C (H.)/CXIX. CXX was then broken up.

[28] On 29/8/16 A was split up to make up B and C to 6 guns each; and A/CXX joined and became A/CXXI. On 14/1/17 1 sec. C (H.)/CXIX joined and made up D (H.)/CXXI to 6 hows.

[29] Between 26–29/8/16 CXXII was reorganized: C was split up and 1 sec. C made up A to 6 guns; 1 sec. B/CXX joined and made up B/CXXII; and C/CXX joined, was made up to 6 guns by 1 sec. C/CXXII, and C/CXX then became C/CXXII. On 14/1/17 1 sec. C (H.)/CXIX joined and made up D (H.)/CXXII to 6 hows.

[30] X and Y were formed by April 1916; Z was formed at Gorre on 5/4/16.

[31] Formed by 28/7/16.

[32] Between 15–21/5/16 the B.A.C.s were disbanded and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

[33] On 6/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: 32 offrs. & 600 o.r. were drafted, and remdr. joined No. 1 Entg. Bn.

[34] On 7/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: 16 offrs. & 300 o.r. were drafted; and remdr. (550) joined No. 1 Entg. Bn.

[35] On 12/2/18 Bn. left 115th Bde. and became Reserve Bn.; on 27/2/18 Bn. was disbanded.

[36] On 6/2/18 Bn. was disbanded; surplus went to No. 1 Entg. Bn.

[37] On 9/2/18 Z was disbanded and distributed between X and Y.

[38] On 9/2/18 V left Div. and joined V/XV Corps H.T.M. Bty.

[39] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 20/3/17 and joined Div. at Popcringhe on 28/3/17.

[40] Coy. formed in the Div. by 23/6/17.

[41] On 4/2/18 Bn. was transferred from 19th Bde., 33rd Div., and joined 115th Bde. on 6/2/18.

[42] Bn. was formed on 2/3/18; it consisted of 113th, 114th, 115th, and 176th M.G. Cos.

38TH (WELSH) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

On the 28th September 1914 a representative meeting held in South Wales requested permission to raise a Welsh Army Corps of two divisions. On the 10th October official sanction was given to this request; by this time, however, more than one Welsh unit had sprung into being. On the 10th December the 43rd Division was formed; at the outset the infantry brigades were numbered 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, but later on they were renumbered 128th, 129th, and 130th. On the 10th April 1915 the original Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th) was broken up to supply reinforcements to the first three New Armies (see Appendix I), and on the 29th April the 43rd Division was renumbered 38th and its infantry brigades then became the 113th, 114th, and 115th (see Appendix 2). About this same time the idea of forming a Welsh Army Corps was abandoned and the 38th Division was given the sub-title Welsh. The Division now belonged to the (new) Fifth New Army.

On the 16th September 1914 Welshmen in London formed a battalion with headquarters in Holborn; on the 29th October this unit received official recognition and became 15/R.W.F. (The London Welsh), and on the 5th December the battalion joined 128th Brigade at Llandudno. Meanwhile on the 2nd October the N. Wales "Pals" Battalion (later 13/R.W.F.) began to form at Rhyl, and on the 30th the 128th (later 113th) Brigade came into existence; the Brigadier then started to raise at Llandudno the Caernarvon & Anglesey Battalion (later 14/R.W.F.). After 13/R.W.F. joined the Brigade at Llandudno on the 18th November, 16/R.W.F. was formed mainly from the surplus personnel of 13/R.W.F.

The 129th (later 114th) Brigade included battalions with sub-titles 1st and 2nd Rhondda (10/ & 13/Welsh), Swansea (14/Welsh—the Township subscribed £7,000 for the maintenance of this battalion), and Carmarthenshire (15/Welsh). The 130th (later 115th) Brigade was formed soon afterwards; its four battalions comprised 17/R.W.F., raised around Llandudno, 10/S.W.B. (1st Gwent) composed of Monmouthshire men (colliers and iron-workers), 11/S.W.B. (2nd Gwent), and 16/Welsh (Cardiff City). The Pioneer Battalion (19/Welsh) was known as the Glamorgan Pioneers. Until supplies of Khaki were received most of the men were clothed in Brethyn Llwyd (the Welsh grey cloth).

During 1914 several thousand recruits for the Welsh Division were collected in Cardiff. From these recruits one field battery (later A/CXX), one battalion (13/Welsh, –2nd Rhondda), and one field ambulance (2nd St. John–later 130th) were formed; the remainder were sorted out and drafted to the various arms represented in the Welsh Division.

In the Artillery no batteries (except A/CXX) were formed until the beginning of January 1915; four batteries (Nos. 1–4) were then formed at Porthcawl. The Cardiff Battery (see above) joined at Porthcawl and became No. 1 Battery. In February the four batteries moved to Pwllheli, and each was then ordered to form a second battery. In March and April each of the eight batteries was divided into two, and it was in this way that the sixteen batteries were formed for the four brigades of the Welsh Division Artillery. Three of the numbers for the field artillery brigades (CXIX, CXX, and CXXI), together with the existing personnel, were transferred to the 38th Division from the original 30th Division, when the latter was broken up (App. 1 A, note 6); and the other artillery brigade number (CXXII), together with existing personnel, was transferred from the broken-up 31st Division (App. 1B, note 7). Nevertheless each of the four brigades descended from one of the four original batteries: CXX from No. 1 (the Cardiff Battery), CXIX from No. 2, CXXII (II.) from No. 3, and CXXI from No. 4. The Artillery felt the need of equipment even more than the infantry and for some time gun-drill had to be carried out with locally improvised weapons and vehicles—at first an old pair of 'bus wheels fitted with a pole and hook was used, in order that limbering up could be practised. It was April 1915 before any horses reached the batteries.

The 123rd and 124th Field Companies were formed from 650 skilled craftsmen who had been originally included in the 13/Welsh—raised at Cardiff; and later on the 151st Field Company was formed at Abergavenny from the surplus personnel of the 123rd and 124th Field Companies.

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On the 19th January 1915 Divisional Head Quarters opened at Colwyn Bay; but at this time the units were scattered from Rhyl to Abergavenny and no divisional exercises could be carried out. In June 1915 some of the units of the Welsh Division were moved to Winchester, and by August 1915 the whole Division was concentrated there. A fair proportion of officers and non-commissioned-officers with war experience were attached to the Division to assist in training it on the suitable terrain which was now available. The Division was trained principally for open warfare; it was considered that trench warfare could be better and more rapidly assimilated in France. It was not until the last fortnight, however, that sufficient rifles were received, and then everything gave place to musketry instruction and rifle shooting; before embarkation every man had been put through a course of musketry.

The Division was now warned to prepare to move to France; depot units were separated and all service units were rapidly raised to war establishment. On the 21st November the advance party left for France; and on the 29th November the 38th (Welsh) Division was reviewed on Crawley Down by H.M. the Queen accompanied by H.R.H. Princess Mary. On the 1st December the Division began to leave Winchester, but the Divisional Artillery had to remain in England during December to carry out gun-practice at Larkhill. Between the 2nd–6th December the remainder of the Division crossed to le Havre; on the 6th it completed its concentration west of Aire and joined XI Corps. Between the 23rd–25th December the Divisional Artillery disembarked at le Havre and on the 28th rejoined the Division near St. Venant; meanwhile, between 11th December 1915 and 1st January 1916, the 56th (1st London) Division Artillery had been attached to the 38th Division.

For the remainder of the Great War the 38th (Welsh) Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

1915

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

5–11 July	**Battle of Albert** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].
7–11 Jul	**Mametz Wood.**

1917

31 July–6 Aug.; 19 Aug.–11 Sept.	**BATTLES OF YPRES** [XIV Corps, Fifth Army].
31 July–2 August ...	**Battle of Pilckem Ridge** [XIV Corps, Fifth Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

5 April ... ... **Battle of the Ancre** [In Reserve, V Corps, Third Army].

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY
SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 August ... ... **Battle of Albert** (V Corps, Third Army).
31 Aug.–3 Sept. ... ... **Second Battle of Bapaume** (V Corps, Third Army).

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

12 September ... ... **Battle of Havrincourt** (V Corps, Third Army).
18 September ... ... **Battle of Epehy** (V Corps, Third Army).
5 October ... ... **Battle of the Beaurevoir Line** (V Corps, Third Army).
8 October ... ... **Battle of Cambrai** (V Corps, Third Army).

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

17–22 October ... ... **Battle of the Selle** (V Corps, Third Army).
4 November ... ... **Battle of the Sambre** (V Corps, Third Army).

At 6 a.m. on the 5th November the 33rd Division passed through the front line, and the 38th Division then collected in the Forest of Mormal with headquarters at Locquignol. At 9 p.m. on the 7th the 38th Division relieved the 33rd on the right of the V Corps, beyond the Sambre. During the next three days the advanced guard brigade (113th) pushed steadily forward; and when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, at 11 a.m. on the 11th November, the brigade had its headquarters established in the suitably named Wattignies la Victoire.

On the 3rd December H.M. the King visited the Division and saw all the troops on the Aulnoye—Petit Maubeuge road. December was spent in reorganizing and training, and during the month 3000 miners left for demobilization. On the 27th December the Division began withdrawing from the Aulnoye area; and by the 14th January 1919 it had settled down in billets to the east of Amiens, with headquarters at Querrieu. During January demobilization continued and drafts left for the Army of Occupation. From the 5th–8th February H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stayed with the Division and visited all the units. During the month 2,243 left the Division for demobilization, and 644 proceeded to join the Army of the Rhine, and in March the Division lost 1438 from the same causes. In June the units were disbanded, stores were returned, and on the 17th June 1919 the Division ceased to exist. During the Great War the 38th (Welsh) Division lost 28,635 killed, wounded, and missing.

NOTES :—

A. **38th DIVISION ARTILLERY, APRIL 1918.**—Early in April 1918 the 38th Division moved from the Armentières Front to the vicinity of Albert; the Divisional Artillery, however, remained on the Lys Front. From 7–14/4/18 the 38th Division Artillery was attached to the 34th Division and took part with the 34th Division in the Battles of the Lys—Battle of Estaires (9–11/4), and Battle of Bailleul (12–14/4). On 14 and 15/4 38th D.A. served with 59th Div. in the concluding part of the Battle of Bailleul (14 & 15/4). 38th D.A. served with the 34th Div. in the First Battle of Kemmel Ridge (17–19/4); with the 25th Div. in the Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge (25 & 26/4); and in the Battle of the Scherpenberg (29/4/18) with the 25th Div. (H.Q. 38th D.A. & CXXI) and 49th Div. (CXXII). At the end of May the 38th Division Artillery rejoined the 38th Division, in reserve west of Albert.

B. In November 1918, during the Final Advance, C Sqdn. Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and A Sqdn. 5th Cyclist Regt. (N. Irish Horse) were attached to the 38th Division.

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G.O.C.

23 August 1915	Major-General N. W. BARNARDISTON.
5 June 1916	Br.-Gen. G. G. S. CAREY (tempy.).
8 June 1916	Major-General R. DAWSON.
13 July 1916	Major-General G. J. CUTHBERT.
20 August 1917	Major-General E. FEETHAM.
7 March 1918	Br.-Gen. G. A. S. CAPE (acting–killed, 18/3/18).
18 March 1918	Br.-Gen. M. L. HORNBY (acting).
23 March 1918	Major-General E. FEETHAM (killed, 29/3/18).
29 March 1918	Br.-Gen. W. G. H. THOMPSON (acting).
30 March 1918	Major-General C. A. BLACKLOCK.
30 August 1918	Br.-Gen. A. B. HUBBACK (acting).
10 September 1918	Major-General N. MALCOLM.
[27 December 1918	Br.-Gen. J. H. HALL].

G.S.O.1.

14 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. S. T. HALLIDAY, V.C. (sick, 12/7/16).
12 July 1916...Lt.-Col. F. W. GOSSETT.
10 Oct. 1918...Captain F. J. JEBENS (acting).

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

30 Aug. 1915...Lt.-Col. LORD DECIES (sick, March 1916).
4 Mar. 1916...Lt.-Col. B. C. DWYER.
24 Jan. 1917...Lt.-Col. A. E. S. CLARKE.
11 Feb. 1917...Lt.-Col. A. F. STEWART.
26 July 1917...Lt.-Col. R. E. HOLMES À COURT.
21 Aug. 1918...Major J. C. COOKE (acting).
22 Oct. 1918...Major G. TAYLOR (acting).

B.-G., R.A.

21 Sept. 1915...Br.-Gen. C. E. GOULBURN.
26 Feb. 1916...Br.-Gen. R. W. FULLER.
24 Mar. 1916...Br.-Gen. G. GILLSON.
11 Oct. 1917...Lt.-Col. C. H. KILNER (acting).
18 Oct. 1917...Br.-Gen. G. A. S. CAPE (killed, 18/3/18).
18 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. E. W. S. BROOKE (acting).
26 Mar. 1918...Br.-Gen. W. G. H. THOMPSON.
29 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. E. W. S. BROOKE (acting).
30 Mar. 1918...Br.-Gen. W. G. H. THOMPSON.

C.R.E.

8 Oct. 1915...Lt.-Col. C. G. BURNABY.
31 July 1916...Lt.-Col. S. SMITH (acting).
10 Aug. 1916...Lt.-Col. L. E. HOPKINS.
26 June 1917...Major D. H. HAMMONDS (acting).
2 July 1917...Lt.-Col. H. J. COUCHMAN.
1 Nov. 1918...Major G. S. MARSTON (acting).

116th BDE.
(originally 121st Bde.)

1 April '15...Br.-Gen. J. E. WATSON.
13 April '16...Br.-Gen. M. L. HORNBY.
18 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. W. C. MILLWARD. (acting).
23 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. M. L. HORNBY (wd., 23/3/18).
23 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. W. C. MILLWARD (acting).
1 April '18...Br.-Gen. L. J. WYATT.
4 Nov. '18...Lt.-Col. D. J. WARD (acting).
[18 Dec. '18...Lt.-Col. R. G. HELY-HUTCHINSON (acting).]

117th BDE.
(new formation)

15 July '15...Br.-Gen. P. HOLLAND (sick, 2/4/16).
2 April '16...Lt.-Col. E. B. HALES (acting).
6 April '16...Br.-Gen. P. HOLLAND.
15 April '16...Br.-Gen. R. D. F. OLDMAN.
5 Mar. '17...Lt.-Col. C. H. STEPNEY (acting).
9 Mar. '17...Br.-Gen. G. A. ARMYTAGE.
4 Oct. '18...Lt.-Col. C. C. STAPLEDEN (acting).
7 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. W. P. HORE-RUTHVEN.
17 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. C. W. COMPTON.
6 Nov. '18...Captain M. A. ELLISSEN (acting).

On 18/11/18 the 117th Bde. was broken up and the details were dispersed.

On 19/11/18 No. 2 L. of C. Area Reception Camp (for malarial convalescents) joined 39th Div. and became 117th Bde.

117th BDE.

[19 Sept. '18]...Br.-Gen. T. S. H. WADE.

118th BDE.
(new formation)

8 July '15...Br.-Gen. W. BROMILOW.
15 April '16...Br.-Gen. T. P. BARRINGTON (sick, 7/7/16).
7 July '16...Lt.-Col. G. A. M'L. SCEALES (acting).
13 July '16...Br.-Gen. E. H. FINCH-HATTON (sick, 4/12/16).
4 Dec. '16...Lt.-Col. G. A. M'L. SCEALES (acting).
3 Feb. '17...Br.-Gen. E. H. C. P. BELLINGHAM (captured, 28/3/18).
28 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. E. T. SAINT (acting).
3 April '18...Br.-Gen. A. B. HUBBACK.
20 Oct. '18...Lt.-Col. H. R. BROWN (acting).
22 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. M. L. HORNBY.
6 Nov. '18...Lt.-Col. H. R. BROWN (acting).

On 4/12/18 the 118th Bde. was broken up and the details were dispersed.

On 20/9/18 the 197th Bde. left 66th Div. and was transferred to L. of C.; on 18/11/18 the 197th Bde. joined 39th Div. (see note 59; and note on p. 97).

197th BDE.

[3 April '18...Br.-Gen. L. L. WHEATLEY.
22 Sept. '18...Lt.-Col. A. W. BLOCKLEY (acting).
1 Oct. '18...Lt.-Col. G. V. W. HILL (acting).
6 Oct. '18]...Br.-Gen. J. H. HALL.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 39th Division :—

INFANTRY :—**10/Q.O.R.W.K. (Kent County), 11/Q.O.R.W.K. (Lewisham), 20/Middx. (Shoreditch), and 21/Middx. (Islington)** joined 118th Bde. on its formation in London at the beginning of July 1915 ; and served with it until 16/10/15, when the 118th Bde. was reorganized at Aldershot. 10/Q.O.R.W.K. then joined 123rd Bde. and 11/Q.O.R.W.K. joined 122nd Bde. in the 41st Division. 20/ and 21/Middx. remained in 118th Bde. until 23/2/16 (see notes 5 and 16).

OTHER UNITS :—**82nd Sanitary Section** went to France with the Division and disembkd. at le Havre on 8/3/16. On 17/4/17 the Section left the Division and took over No. 8 Sanitary District, Second Army.

39th Division Motor Ambce. Workshop went to France with the Division ; disembkd. at Rouen on 5/3/16, left Rouen on 9/3/16, and joined Division on 11/3/16. On 9/4/16 the Workshop ceased to exist, and personnel and vehicles were absorbed by 39th Div. Supply Column.

On 20/2/18 the reorganization of the 39th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and by March 1918 the pioneer battalion (13/Glouc.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

39th Division Composite Brigade (Br.-Gen. A. B. Hubback) was formed on 10/4/18 ; it consisted of :—

No. 1 Bn.—11/R. Suss. & 1/1/Herts. (with 1st Line Tpt. of 1/1/Herts.);
No. 2 Bn.—13/Glouc. & 13/R. Suss. (with 1st Line Tpt. of 13/R. Suss.) ;
No. 3 Bn.—formed from 117th Bde. ;
No. 4 Bn.—formed from 118th Bde. ;
No. 5 Bn.*—formed from 116th, 117th, 118th Bdes., & 13/Glouc. ;
together with :—118th Light T.M. Bty. ;
No. 4 Coy., 39th Div. Train.

39th Division Composite Bde. took part with the Second Army in the Battles of the Lys 1918. The Composite Bde. was engaged on 16/4/18 with XXII Corps on Wytschaete Ridge ; fought with XXII Corps in the First (17–19/4) and Second (25 & 26/4) Battles of Kemmel Ridge ; and was in Reserve to XXII Corps in the Battle of the Scherpenberg (29/4/18).

On 30/4/18 No. 5 Composite Bn. rejoined 39th Div. and all ranks then rejoined their Brigade details ; on 6/5/18 the remainder of the Composite Bde. rejoined 39th Div., and the Composite Bde. was then broken up.

39th Division Artillery.—R.A. Hd. Qrs., CLXXIV, CLXXXVI, and X and Y Medium T.M. Bties.,** with No. 1 Coy., 39th Div. Train. and Ammn. Sec. 39th Div. M.T. Coy.—remained in the Line, after the withdrawal of the 39th Division, and formed a sub-group under 16th Div. Arty. On 4/4/18 39th Div. Arty. (in XIX Corps) took part in the Battle of the Avre and lost 3 offrs., 70 o.r., and 110 horses. On 12–14/4/18 39th Div. Arty. was relieved in the Line and by this time it had lost : 330 all ranks, 250 horses, 5, 18-pdrs., and 2, 4.5″ hows. On 15/4/18 39th Div. Arty. was transferred to VI Corps and the two Brigades went up into the line on 29 and 30/4/18. 39th Div. Arty. remained in VI Corps until June ; was transferred to IV Corps on 19–22/6/18, to Second Army on 3/7/18, was posted to II Corps, and went into the line on 7/7/18. On 5/8/18 39th Div. Arty. was transferred to XV Corps and went into the line again on 15/8/18. On 22 and 23/8/18 39th Div. Arty. was transferred to First Army, on 23/8/18 it came under XVII Corps, and on 24/8/18 was transferred to Canadian Corps ; and, with this Corps, 39th Div. Arty. took part in **The Advance to Victory,** and was engaged in the **Second Battles of Arras** 1918 (Battle of the Scarpe, 26–30/8 ; and Battle of the Drocourt–Quéant Line, 2 and 3/9/18) ; **The Battles of the Hindenburg Line** (Battle of the Canal du Nord, 27/9–1/10 ; and Battle of Cambrai, 8 & 9/10/18) ; and the Pursuit to the Selle (9–12/10/18). Until the end of October 1918 the 39th Div. Arty. also took an active part (with the CDN. Corps) in the **Final Advance in Picardy** ; and, still in the CDN. Corps in November, 39th Div. Arty. was engaged in the Battle of Valenciennes (1 & 2/11/18). On 4/11/18 39th Div. Arty. was transferred to VIII Corps and joined First Army Reserve ; its active participation in the Great War had come to an end.

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* No. 5 Composite Bn. (Lt.-Col. C. H. N. Seymour, 17/K.R.R.C.) was formed on 12/4/18, and it consisted of :—

A Coy. } provided by 117th Bde.,
B Coy. }
C Coy.—provided by 116th Bde.,
D Coy.—provided by 118th Bde., reinforced by details of 13/Glouc. ; together with 1st Line Tpt. of 17/K.R.R.C.

** X and Y Medium T.M. Bties. were disbanded on 15/5/18 (see note 55).

39TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1915-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1915 October (England)	116th[3]; [3] ..	11/R. Suss., 12/R. Suss., 13/R. Suss., 14/Hants.	E Sqdn.,[6] S. Irish Horse 39th Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLXXIV[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXXIV B.A.C.	...	...	39th D.A.C.[9]	225th[9] 227th[9] 234th[9]	39th[10]	13/ Glouc.[11] (P.)	...	132nd[12] 133rd[12] 134th[12]	50th[13]	...	39th[14]
	117th[3]; [4] ..	16/Sher. For., 17/Sher. For., 17/K.R.R.C., 16/R.B.		CLXXIX[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXXIX B.A.C.											
	118th[3]; [5] ..	13/E. Surr.,[16] 20/Middx.,[16] 21/Middx.,[16] 14/A. & S.H.[16]		CLXXXIV[8] ...	A, B, C, D	CLXXXIV B.A.C.											
				CLXXXVI ... (H.)[8]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXXVI (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 March (France)	116th	11/R. Suss., 12/R. Suss., 13/R. Suss., 14/Hants.	E Sqdn.,[22] S. Irish Horse 39th Div. Cyclist Coy.[23]	CLXXIV[24]	A, B, C, D	CLXXIV B.A.C.	...	...	39th D.A.C.	225th 227th 234th	39th	13/ Glouc. (P.)	...	132nd 133rd 134th	50th	...	39th
	117th	16/Sher. For., 17/Sher. For., 17/K.R.R.C., 16/R.B.		CLXXIX[25]	A, B, C, D	CLXXIX B.A.C.											
	118th[15]	1/6/Ches.,[17] 1/4/B.W.,[18] 1/5/B.W.,[19] 1/1/Camb.,[20] 1/1/Herts[21]		CLXXXIV[26] ..	A, B, C, D	CLXXXIV B.A.C.											
				CLXXXVI (H.)[27]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXXVI (H.) B.A.C.											
1916 June (France)	116th	11/R. Suss., 12/R. Suss., 13/R. Suss., 14/Hants.; 116th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[28] 116th T.M. Bty.[29]	...	CLXXIV[24]; [30]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[36]	X.39[34] Y.39 Z.39	V.39[35]	39th D.A.C.[36]	225th 227th 234th	39th	13/ Glouc. (P.)	...	132nd 133rd 134th	50th	...	39th
	117th	16/Sher. For., 17/Sher. For., 17/K.R.R.C., 16/R.B.; 117th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[30] 117th T.M. Bty.[29]		CLXXIX[25]; [31]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
				CLXXXIV[26]; [32]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	118th	1/6/Ches., 4/5/B.W.,[18]; [19] 1/1/Camb., 1/1/Herts.; 118th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[28] 118th T.M. Bty.[29]		CLXXVI[27]; [33]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
1917 July (France)	116th	11/R. Suss., 12/R. Suss.,[37] 13/R. Suss., 14/Hants.;[38] 116th M.G. Coy.;[44] 116th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXXIV[30]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.39[41] Y.39[41] Z.39[41]	V.39[41]	39th D.A.C.	225th 227th 234th	39th	13/ Glouc. (P.)	228th M.G. Coy.[42]	132nd 133rd 134th	50th	236th[43]	39th
	117th	16/Sher. For., 17/Sher. For.,[39] 17/K.R.R.C., 16/R.B.; 117th M.G. Coy.;[44] 117th T.M. Bty.		CLXXXVI[33] ..	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	118th	1/6/Ches., 4/5/B.W., 1/1/Camb., 1/1/Herts.;[40] 118th M.G. Coy.;[44] 118th T.M. Bty.															

1918 March (France)	116th ..... 117th[58] .... 118th[59]	11/R. Suss.,[45] 13/R. Suss.,[46] 1/1/Herts.;[40];[47] 116th T.M. Bty.[54] 16/Sher. For.,[48] 17/K.R.R.C.,[49] 16/R.B.;[50] 117th T.M. Bty.[56] 1/6/Ches.,[51] 4/5/B.W.,[52] 1/1/Camb.;[53] 118th T.M.Bty.[54]	...	CLXXIV ..... CLXXXVI	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.39 [41];[55] Y.39 [41];[55]	...[61]	39th D.A.C.	225th 227th 234th	39th	13/ Glouc.[56] (P.)	No. 39 Bn.,[44];[57] M.G.C.	132nd 133rd 134th	50th	236th	39th

Between 16/5—1/6/18 the 39th Division was reduced to cadre

NOTES

[1] Formed at Winchester early in August 1915 as 39th Div. This Division was a new formation.

[2] On 12/7/15 authority was given to raise 116th, 117th, & 118th Inf. Bdes. (W.O.—20/Inf./728—A.G.1). 117th & 118th Bdes. were new formations; but 121st Bde. (from original 40th—later 33rd—Div.) joined 39th Div. and, on arrival, became 116th Bde.

[3] 11/, 12/, 13/R. Suss. were designated 1st, 2nd, 3rd South Down; and 14/Hants. was designated 1st Portsmouth.

[4] The Bns. were designated: Chatsworth Rifles, Welbeck Rangers, B.E.L., and St. Pancras.

[5] The Bde. was formed in London in July 1915 (see General Notes), and it was reorganized at Aldershot between 16–23/10/15; its 3 senior battalions were designated Wandsworth, Shoreditch, and Islington (20/Inf./728 of 13/10/15).

On 24/2/16 Bde. H.Q. disembkd. at le Havre, and on 29/2/16 the Bde. was reformed at Renescure (notes 15—21).

[6] Sqdn. disembkd. at le Havre on 14/3/16, and joined Div. at Blaringhem on 17/3/16.

[7] Coy. was formed at Seaford and joined Div. at Witley on 14/11/15. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 4/3/16.

[8] The Bdes. and D.A.C. were raised at The Thames Ironworks, Greenwich (CLXXIV), Lee Green (CLXXIX & CLXXXIV), and Deptford (CLXXXVI & D.A.C.); on 1 & 2/10/15 they joined the Div. at Aldershot and Ewshott. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. The 4 Bdes. and D.A.C. disembkd. at le Havre between 4–8/3/16.

[9] The 3 Fd. Cos. were formed at Marton Hall, Yorkshire, and designated Stockton on Tees; they joined the Div. at Aldershot on 7/10/15; and disembkd. at le Havre between 4–8/3/16.

[10] Formed at Norbury and designated Empire; joined the Div. at Aldershot on 29/9/15; and disembkd. at le Havre on 4/3/16.

[11] Bn. was designated Forest of Dean Pioneers. Bn. joined the Div. at Winchester on 15/8/15, and disembkd. at le Havre on 4/3/16.

[12] The Fd. Ambces. trained near Farnham, went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre between 4–7/3/16.

[13] Joined Div. at Witley on 10/11/15, and disembkd. at le Havre on 8/3/16.

[14] The Train was raised at Pangbourne and consisted of 284, 285, 286, 287 Cos., A.S.C. 287 Coy. joined the Div. at Romsey on 8/8/15, and remdr. of the Train joined at Rushmoor Camp on 27/9/15. The Train disembkd. at le Havre between 5–7/3/16.

[15] On 29/2/16 Bde. was reformed at Renescure (note 5).

[16] The four Bns. left 118th Bde. at Witley on 23/2/16. 13/E. Surr. and 14/A. & S.H. joined 120th Bde., 40th Div.; and 20/ & 21/Middx. joined 121st Bde., 40th Div.

[17] Bn. joined 15th Bde., 5th Div., on 17/12/14; G.H.Q. Troops on 1/3/15; 20th Bde., 7th Div., on 9/1/16; left on 25/2/16, and joined 118th Bde. on 29/2/16.

[18] Bn. joined 21st (Bareilly) Bde., 7th (Meerut) Div., on 4/3/15; 139th Bde., 46th Div., on 6/11/15; 44th Bde., 15th Div., on 14/11/15; 154th Bde., 51st Div., on 6/1/16; left on 25/2/16, and joined 118th Bde., on 29/2/16. On 15/3/16 Bn. amalgamated with 5/B.W. (note 19) and became 4/5/B.W.

[19] Bn. joined 24th Bde., 8th Div., on 13/11/14; became pioneers on 18/10/15; transferred to 154th Bde., 51st Div., on 6/1/16; and joined 118th Bde. on 29/2/16. On 15/3/16 Bn. amalgamated with 4/B.W. (note 18) and became 4/5/B.W.

[20] Bn. joined 27th Div. on 18/2/15; posted to 82nd Bde., 27th Div., in March 1915; transferred to VII Corps Troops on 15/11/15; and joined 118th Bde. on 29/2/16.

[21] Bn. joined 4th (Gds.) Bde., 2nd Div., on 20/11/14; transferred to 6th Bde., 2nd Div., on 19/8/15; to G.H.Q. Troops on 28/2/16; and joined 118th Bde. on 29/2/16.

[22] Sqdn. left Div. on 10/5/16 and joined I Corps Cav. Regt. on 13/5/16.

[23] Coy. left Div. on 10/5/16 and joined XV Corps Cyclist Bn. on 11/5/16.

[24] On 20/5/16 B left and became A/CLXXXVI; D then became B; and A (H.)/CLXXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLXXIV.

[25] On 20/5/16 C left and became C/CLXXXVI; D then became C; and B (H.)/CLXXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLXXIX.

[26] On 20/5/16 B left and became B/CLXXXVI; D then became B; and C (H.)/CLXXXVI joined and became D (H.)/CLXXXIV.

[27] On 20/5/16 A (H.), B (H.), C (H.) left and became D (H.)/CLXXIV, D (H.)/CLXXIX, and D (H.)/CLXXXIV; and B/CLXXIV, B/CLXXXIV, and C/CLXXIX joined and became A, B, C/CLXXXVI; D (H.) remained D (H.).

[28] The M.G. Cos. were formed and joined Bdes. as follows:

116th—formed at Grantham on 1/3/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 16/5/16, and joined Bde. at Loisne on 18/5/16;

117th—disembkd. at le Havre on 16/5/16 and joined Bde. near Béthune on 18/5/16;

118th—formed on 21/3/16 at Wallon Cappel, from M.G. Secs. of Bns. in 118th Bde.

[29] Light T.M. Btics. were formed as follows:—

116th—116/1 & 116/2 were formed on 9/4/16, and by 16/6/16 became 116th T.M. Bty.;

117th—117/1 & 117/2 were formed by 15/4/16, and on 18/6/16 became 117th T.M. Bty.;

118th—118/1 & 118/2 were formed by 7/4/16, and between 16/6–1/7/16 they became 118th T.M. Bty.

NOTES—*continued*

[30] On 29/11/16 C was broken up to make up A and B to 6 guns each; and A/CLXXXIV joined and became C/CLXXIV. On 18/1/17 D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. by R. Sec, C (H.)/CLXXIX.

[31] On 30/11/16 C was broken up: R. Sec. made up A and L. Sec. made up B to 6 guns each; and D (H.)/CLXXXIV joined and became C (H.)/CLXXIX. On 18/1/17 CLXXIX was broken up: A became A/CCLXXVII A.F.A. Bde.; B became C/CXIX A.F.A. Bde.; R. Sec. C (H.) made up D (H.)/CLXXIV to 6 hows.; L. Sec. C (H.) made up D (H.)/CLXXXVI; R. Sec. D (H.) made up D (H.)/CCLXXVII A.F.A. Bde.; and L. Sec. D (H.) made up D (H.)/CXIX A.F.A. Bde. to 6 hows.; 39th D.A.C. absorbed CLXXIX Bde. H.Q.

[32] At m/n. 30/11/16 CLXXXIV was broken up: C was broken up to make up A and B to 6 guns each; A then became C/CLXXIV and B became C/CLXXXVI; D (H.) became C (H.)/CLXXIX.

[33] On 29/11/16 C was broken up to make up A and B to 6 guns each; and B/CLXXXIV joined and became C/CLXXXVI. On 30/1/17 D (H.) was made up to 6 hows. by L. Sec. C (H.)/CLXXIX.

[34] X, Y, and Z were formed by 17/6/16.

[35] V Heavy T.M. Bty. was formed on 27/8/16 at Bus en Artois, from personnel from Third Army School of Mortars.

[36] On 20/5/16 D.A.C. was reorganized and B.A.C.s were abolished.

[37] On 8/2/18 Bn. was disbanded: between 8–12/2/18 15 offrs. & 449 o.r. were drafted; on 14/2/18 surplus proceeded to Rft. Camp, and on 20/2/18 joined 17/Entg. Bn.

[38] On 20/2/18 Bn. left Div. and marched to C Camp; on 23/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and was used to form A and B Coys. in 17/Entg. Bn.

[39] Drafts left the Bn. between 6–8/2/18; on 8/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and surplus joined 17/Entg. Bn.

[40] On 8/2/18 Bn. was transferred from 118th Bde. to 116th Bde.

[41] On 7/2/18 X, Y, and Z (Medium) and V (Heavy) T.M. Bties. were reorganized into X and Y (Medium) T.M. Bties.—each with six 6" Newton T.M.s.

[42] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 12/7/17 and joined Div. at Poperinghe on 19/7/17.

[43] Coy. was formed by 30/6/17.

[44] Bn. was formed between 3–14/3/18; it consisted of 116, 117, 118, and 228 M.G. Cos. and they became A, B, C, and D Cos. On 8/4/18 D Coy. was disbanded and distributed between A, B, and C; and a composite m.g. coy. joined from 66th Div. and became D Coy. On 11/9/18 the Bn. marched to Morbecque, joined 40th Div., and Bn. served for remdr. of the War with the 40th Div.

[45] On 23/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (6 offrs. & 367 o.r.) went to Base. On 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 118th Bde., and on 30/6/18 joined 25th Div. and proceeded to England on 30/6/18. Bn. was reformed; and on 15/10/18 went to N. Russia with 236th Bde. (late 75th Bde.).

[46] On 23/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (3 offrs. & 132 o.r.) went to Base. On 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 118th Bde., disbanded on 14/8/18, and absorbed by 4/R. Suss. in 101st Bde., 34th Div.

[47] On 9/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 112th Bde., 37th Div., and joined on 11/5/18.

[48] On 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (234 o.r.) went to Base at Etaples. On 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., and on 20/9/18 went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[49] On 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (265 o.r.) went to Base. On 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., and on 20/9/18 went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[50] On 16/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C. and surplus (277 o.r.) went to Base. On 16/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., and on 20/9/18 went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[51] On 28/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 25th Div.; on 8/7/18 Bn. joined 21st Bde., 30th Div.

[52] On 6/5/18 Bn. was reformed; and on 14/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 46th Bde., 15th Div., joined on 15/5/18, and on 5/6/18 was transferred from 46th Bde. to 44th Bde.

[53] On 9/5/18 Bn. was transferred to 35th Bde., 12th Div., and joined on 10/5/18 at Lealvilliers.

[54] When the Division was reduced to Cadre in May 1918 the Bde. T.M. Bties. were broken up (by 7/5/18).

[55] On 15/5/18 X and Y were disbanded; the personnel was posted to CLXXIV, CLXXXVI Bdes., and to Third Army Rft. Camp. (Authy.—Third Army letter of 9/5/18, No. A/A/11539/5).

[56] Between 10/4–6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., and on 6/5/18 the surplus left for Base at Etaples. On 15/8/18 T.C. was transferred to 66th Div., and joined on 16/8/18. On 20/9/18 T.C. went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[57] From 10/4/18 the M.G. Bn. was attached to various divisions; and it took part with them, up to the Armistice, in the Advance to Victory. From 11/9/18 to the end of the War No. 39 M.G. Bn. served with the 40th Div.

[58] On 18/11/18 117th Bde. was broken up and the details were dispersed. On 19/11/18 No. 2 L. of C. Area Reception Camp (for malarial convalescents) joined 39th Div. and became 117th Bde.

[59] On 4/12/18 118th Bde. was broken up and the details were dispersed. On 18/11/18 197th Bde. (in 66th Div. until 20/9/18), with eight cadre battalions (see note to Table of T.C.s, page 97), joined 39th Div., and on 4/12/18 took the place of the 118th Bde.

The following Training Cadres served with the 39th Division (21/5–11/11/18):

	Unit	From	Reduced to Training Cadre	Served with 39th Div. From	To	Transferred to, Absorbed by, or Disbanded	Notes
39th Div.	25/N.F.	102nd Bde., 34th Div.	15 & 16/5/18	17/6	16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
	13/Gr. How.	121st Bde., 40th Div.	6/5/18	17/6	29/6/18	74th Bde., 25th Div.	On 9/9/18 joined 236th Bde. in England, and on 15/10/8 embkd. for N. Russia.
	13/E. Surr.	119th Bde., 40th Div.	5/5/18	17/6	29/6/18	7th Bde., 25th Div.	
	7/Sher. For.	178th Bde., 59th Div.	7/5/18	15/8	16/11/18	116th Bde.	
	21/Middx.	119th Bde., 40th Div.	5/5/18	17/6	29/6/18	74th Bde., 25th Div.	
	14/H.L.I.	120th Bde., 40th Div.	6/5/18	17/6	16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

39th Div.	13/E. Surr.	119th Bde., 40th Div.	5/5/18	17/6 – 29/6/18	7th Bde., 25th Div.	
	7/Sher. For.	178th Bde., 59th Div.	7/5/18	15/8 – 16/11/18	116th Bde.	
	21/Middx.	119th Bde., 40th Div.	5/5/18	17/6 – 29/6/18	74th Bde., 25th Div.	
	14/H.L.I.	120th Bde., 40th Div.	6/5/18	17/6 – 16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
116th Bde.	15/R. Scots	101st Bde., 34th Div.	16/5/18	17/6 – 28/7/18	XV Corps Rft. Camp	On 14/8/18 Bn. was disbanded.
	16/R. Scots	101st Bde., 34th Div.	16/5/18	17/6 – 14/8/18	Disbanded	
	18/N.F.	Pioneer Bn., 34th Div.	18/5/18	17/6 – 29/7/18	118th Bde.	
	23/N.F.	102nd Bde., 34th Div.	17/5/18	17/6 – 16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
	4/Linc.	177th Bde., 59th Div.	8/5/18	28/9 – 8/11/18	Demobilized	Transferred from 118th Bde.
	10/Linc.	103rd Bde., 34th Div.	18/5/18	17/6 – 16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
	7/Suff.	35th Bde., 12th Div.	19/5/18	24/5 – 16/8/18	66th Div.	On 20/9/18 to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
	4/E. York.	150th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	
	6/Bedf.	112th Bde., 37th Div.	20/5/18	22/5 – 31/5/18	118th Bde.	
	4/Gr. How.	150th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 9/11/18	Demobilized	
	5/Gr. How.	150th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	
	4/S. Staff.	7th Bde., 25th Div.	11/7/18	16/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	
	5/N. Staff.	176th Bde., 59th Div.	9/5/18	12/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	Transferred from 117th Bde.
117th Bde.	2/10/King's	172nd Bde., 57th Div.	30/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	4/Linc.	177th Bde., 59th Div.	8/5/18	27/6 – 27/7/18	118th Bde.	
	11/Ches.	75th Bde., 25th Div.	17/6/18	23/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	2/5/Sher. For.	178th Bde., 59th Div.	7/5/18	28/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	8/K.R.R.C.	41st Bde., 14th Div.	27/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	9/K.R.R.C.	42nd Bde., 14th Div.	27/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	5/N. Staff.	176th Bde., 59th Div.	9/5/18	27/6 – 12/8/18	116th Bde.	
	5/D.L.I.	151st Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 9/11/18	Demobilized	
	6/D.L.I.	151st Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	
	8/D.L.I.	151st Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 6/11/18	Demobilized	
	6/Conn. Rang.	47th Bde., 16th Div.	13/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	8/R.B.	41st Bde., 14th Div.	25/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	9/R.B.	42nd Bde., 14th Div.	27/4/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
	6/R.M.F.	30th Bde., 10th Div.	7/6/18	27/6 – 3/8/18	Disbanded	
118th Bde.	4/N.F.	149th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 10/11/18	Demobilized	
	5/N.F.	149th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 10/11/18	Demobilized	
	6/N.F.	149th Bde., 50th Div.	15/7/18	16/8 – 9/11/18	Demobilized	
	18/N.F.	Pioneer Bn., 34th Div.	18/5/18	29/7 – 15/8/18	66th Div.	Transferred from 116th Bde. On 20/9/18 went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.
	4/Linc.	177th Bde., 59th Div.	8/5/18	27/7 – 28/9/18	116th Bde.	Transferred from 117th Bde.
	6/Bedf.	112th Bde., 37th Div.	20/5/18	31/5 – 4/8/18	Disbanded	
	4/E. Lanc.	198th Bde., 66th Div.	7/4/18	16/8 – 16/11/18	116th Bde.	
	11/R. Suss.	116th Bde., 39th Div.	23/5/18	17/6 – 30/6/18	25th Div.	On 9/9/18 joined 236th Bde. in England, and on 15/10/18 embkd. for N. Russia.
	13/R. Suss.	116th Bde., 39th Div.	23/5/18	17/6 – 14/8/18	Disbanded	
	9/B.W.	46th Bde., 15th Div.	19/5/18	21/5 – 17/6/18	16th Div.	On 2/7/18 joined 47th Bde., 16th Div.
	8/10/Gord. H.	44th Bde., 15th Div.	6/6/18	9/6 – 30/7/18	II Corps Rft. Camp	On 17/8/18 Bn. was disbanded.
	7/Cam. H.	44th Bde., 15th Div.	10/6/18	11/6 – 30/7/18	XIX Corps Rft. Camp	On 14/8/18 Bn. was disbanded.
	11/A. & S.H.	45th Bde., 15th Div.	9/6/18	11/6 – 30/7/18	X Corps Rft. Camp	On 26/8/18 Bn. was disbanded.

NOTE.—The following Training Cadres joined 39th Div. on 18/11/18 with 197th Bde:—18/N.F., 23/N.F., 25/N.F., 10/Linc., 13/Glouc., 16/Sher. For., 14/H.L.I., and 16/R.B. These eight T.C.s had all left 66th Div. on 20/9/18 with 197th Bde., when the Bde. went to L. of C.

39TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The 39th Division began to form around Winchester early in August 1915. The 287 Coy., A.S.C., was the first unit to arrive, it marched from Pangbourne and reached the camp at Romsey on the 8th August. On the 14th the G.S.O.1 arrived, on the 15th the pioneer battalion (13/Glouc.) reached Standon Camp by train from Yorkshire, and on the 16th the first infantry battalion (16/R.B.) camped at Hursley Park. Winchester was selected for divisional headquarters because it was centrally placed among the scattered units, but the rent of the offices in Jewry Street had to be defrayed by the officers themselves. On the 28th September the 39th Division left Winchester and moved to Marlborough Lines, Aldershot. Up to this time only Divisional Staff, 117th Infantry Brigade (a new formation which so far consisted of only three battalions—16/Sher. For., 17/K.R.R.C., & 16/R.B.), Pioneer Battalion (13/Glouc.), and 287 Coy., A.S.C., had joined. By the 18th October all the remaining units of the Division concentrated at Aldershot, except the Divisional Squadron, the 118th Infantry Brigade, the three Field Ambulances (training near Farnham), and the Veterinary Section—the last-named unit joined on the 10th November.

The 116th Infantry Brigade was the renumbered 121st Brigade, which had been raised for the original 40th (later 33rd) Division*. The 118th Infantry Brigade was a new formation which was raised in July in London (see General Notes). On the 16th October, however, the 118th Brigade was reorganized at Aldershot (see Table), and early in November it moved to Witley, with the 39th Division. Owing to the late date when the battalions of this Brigade were raised they were still in the recruit stages of training.

Until it left for the Western Front the Division remained at Witley. During January and February 1916 the general musketry course was fired at Aldershot. Rifles, however, had only been issued a few days before and the weather was bad; nevertheless orders were received that the course was to be fired without any delay. During February the divisional artillery carried out its gun-practice on Salisbury Plain. On the 24th February the Division was to have been inspected on Hankley Common by H.M. the King and a rehearsal was held on the 23rd; but a heavy fall of snow caused the inspection itself to be cancelled.

Mobilization orders were received during February and advance parties left for France at the end of the month. The battalions of the 118th Brigade had to be left behind as they were not yet ready for service overseas. The Commander and the staff of the 118th Brigade left Witley on the 23rd February, disembarked at le Havre on the 24th, and on the 29th took over five battalions (see Table) and the 118th Brigade was then reformed at Renescure (south-east of St. Omer). Meanwhile the remainder of the Division at Witley had received orders that entrainment would begin on the 29th February; but twice the date was altered, and it was the 2nd March before entrainment actually began. The Division crossed from Southampton to le Havre and disembarkation was completed on the 8th March; by the 11th the Division had concentrated around Blaringhem in the First Army area; and on the 17th the divisional squadron joined at Blaringhem. The Division was now complete.

For the remainder of the Great War the 39th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

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* Appendix 2.

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

3 September	**Fighting on the Ancre** [V Corps, Reserve Army].
26–28 September	**Battle of Thiepval Ridge** [V Corps, Reserve Army].
5 Oct.–11 Nov.* ...	**Battle of the Ancre Heights** [II Corps, Reserve Army, until 30/10; then II Corps, Fifth Army].
14 October	**Capture of Schwaben Redoubt.**
21 October	**Capture of Stuff Trench.**
13 and 14 November ...	**Battle of the Ancre** [II Corps, Fifth Army].

1917

BATTLES OF YPRES

31 July–2 Aug.	**Battle of Pilckem Ridge** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].
16–18 August	**Battle of Langemarck** [X Corps, Second Army].
20–25 September	**Battle of Menin Road Ridge** [X Corps, Second Army].
26 and 27 September ...	**Battle of Polygon Wood** [X Corps, until 10 a.m. 27/9; then IX Corps, Second Army].
29 Oct.–10 Nov.	**Second Battle of Passchendaele** [X Corps, Second Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

22 and 23 March ...	**Battle of St. Quentin** [VII Corps, Fifth Army].
24 and 25 March ...	**Actions at the Somme Crossings** (less 116th Bde.) [VII Corps, until 4.30 a.m. 25/3; then XIX Corps, Fifth Army].
24 and 25 March	**Battle of Bapaume** (116th Bde.) [VII Corps, Fifth Army, until 4 a.m. 25/3; then Third Army].
26 and 27 March	**Battle of Rosières** [XIX Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

16 April	**Fighting on Wytschaete Ridge** (39th Div. Comp. Bde.)** [XXII Corps, Second Army].
17–19 April	**First Battle of Kemmel Ridge** (39th Div. Comp. Bde.) [XXII Corps, Second Army].
25 and 26 April	**Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge** (39th Div. Comp. Bde.) [XXII Corps, Second Army].
29 April	**Battle of the Scherpenberg** (39th Div. Comp. Bde.) [In Reserve, XXII Corps, Second Army].

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* By the 10th November 1916 the percentage of reinforcements in the Division was:—Officers—50%; Other Ranks—66%.

** For its composition see General Notes.

39TH DIVISION

At 11 a.m. on the 11th April divisional headquarters had opened at Eperlecques (N.W. of St. Omer). The return of the Composite Brigade on the 6th May, however, marked the end of the active operations of the 39th Division. By the 1st of June the Division was reduced to cadre*; thereafter it was engaged in supervising courses of instruction for American troops and in receiving and disposing of over forty battalions which had been reduced to training cadre (see Table on pp. 96 & 97).

Meanwhile the American 77th Division had arrived for training in the Eperlecques area and its training began on the 7th May. On the 7th June divisional headquarters moved from Eperlecques to Wolphus (on the Ardres road, 10 miles N.W. of St. Omer) and during the next two months the 30th, 78th, and 80th (American) Divisions were attached for instruction. On the 15th August divisional headquarters moved to Varengeville (on the coast, W.S.W. of Dieppe) and the infantry brigades moved to Etaples, Rouen, and le Havre. On the 1st November orders were received to demobilize the battalion training staffs of the 39th Division, and by Armistice this demobilization was nearly completed (see Table). On the 16th November orders were given to disband the 117th and 118th Brigades and to reconstitute the Division by taking over the brigade at the malarial camp at Martin Eglise and the 197th Brigade (formerly in the 66th Division); by the 19th November this had been carried out. During December the 116th Brigade moved to le Havre to form the staff of the Embarkation Camp.

In January 1919 the 197th Brigade moved to the General Base Reinforcement Depot at No. 8 Camp (le Havre). On the 5th March divisional headquarters moved to Rouen, and during June the units were gradually disbanded. On the 5th July instructions were received that the remainder of the Division was to be broken up; on the 10th July divisional headquarters closed down and the remaining officers proceeded to England in charge of records. The Division had come to an end. During its active employment in the Great War the 39th Division lost 27,869 killed, wounded, and missing.

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* For the employment of 39th Division Artillery (April–November 1918) see General Notes

40TH DIVISION

G.O.C.

25 September 1915 ... ... Major-General H. G. RUGGLES-BRISE.
24 August 1917 ... ... Major-General J. PONSONBY.
3 July 1918 ... ... Major-General Sir W. E. PEYTON.

G.S.O.1.

15 Sept. 1915...Major F. D. FINLAY (acting).
25 Oct. 1915...Lt.-Col. H. A. WALKER.
13 April 1917...Lt.-Col. A. H. S. HART-SYNNOT (acting).
16 April 1917...Lt.-Col. W. G. CHARLES.
17 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. C. H. G. BLACK.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

7 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. C. F. MOORES.

B.-G., R.A.

21 Sept. 1915...Br.-Gen. F. G. STONE.
8 April 1916...Br.-Gen. H. L. REED, V.C.
2 Jan. 1917...Br.-Gen. G. H. W. NICHOLSON.
25 Dec. 1917...Br.-Gen. C. E. PALMER.

C.R.E.

1 Nov. 1915...Lt.-Col. R. J. B. MAIR.
25 Mar. 1917...Lt.-Col. A. C. BAYLAY.
30 Nov. 1917...Lt.-Col. H. W. BECHER (acting).
1 Dec. 1917...Lt.-Col. G. J. P. GOODWIN.
30 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. A. C. BAYLAY.
6 June 1918...Major F. W. CLARK (acting).
15 June 1918...Lt.-Col. R. P. PAKENHAM-WALSH.
15 July 1918...Major J. E. VILLA (acting).
4 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. W. R. WILSON.

119th BDE.
(new formation)

22 July '15...Br.-Gen. R. C. STYLE.
8 May '16...Br.-Gen. C. S. PRICHARD.
16 Aug. '16...Br.-Gen. C. CUNLIFFE OWEN.
16 Nov. '16...Lt.-Col. E. A. POPE (acting).
20 Nov. '16...Br.-Gen. F. P. CROZIER.

120th BDE.
(new formation)

7 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. Hon. C. S. HEATHCOTE-DRUMMOND-WILLOUGHBY.
15 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. R. F. FORBES (acting).
23 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. C. J. HOBKIRK.
18 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. Hon. W. P. HORE-RUTHVEN.

121st BDE.
(new formation)

7 Oct. '15...Br.-Gen. J. CAMPBELL.
27 April '18...Lt.-Col. L. LLOYD (acting).
6 May '18...Br.-Gen. W. B. GARNETT.
17 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. G. C. STUBBS.

40TH DIVISION[1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1916-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1916 April (England)	119th[2]; [3] ..	19/R.W.F., 12 S.W.B., 17/Welsh,[3] 18/Welsh[3]	A Sqdn.,[6] 1/R. Wilts. Yeo. 40th Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLXXVIII (H.)[8]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CLXXVIII (H.) B.A.C.[10]	...	...	40th D.A.C. [9]; [10]	224th[11] 229th[11] 231st[11]	40th[12]	12/Gr. How.[13] (P.)	...	135th[14] 136th[14] 137th[14]	51st[15]	...	40th[16]
	120th[2]; [4] ..	11/K.O., 13/E. Surr.,[4] 14/H.L.I., 14/A. & S.H.[4]		CLXXXI[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXXXI B.A.C.[10]											
	121st[2]; [5] ...	12/Suff.,[5] 13/Gr. How., 20/Middx.,[5] 21/Middx.[5]		CLXXXV[9]	A, B, C, D	CLXXXV B.A.C.[10]											
				CLXXXVIII[8]	A, B, C, D	CLXXXVIII B.A.C.[10]											
1916 June (France)	119th	19/R.W.F., 12/S.W.B., 17/Welsh, 18/Welsh; 119th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[17] 119th T.M. Bty.[18]	...[6]; [7]	CLXXVIII[8]; [19]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...[10]	X.40[22]	V.40[24]	40th D.A.C.[10]	224th	40th	12/Gr. How. (P.)	...	135th	51st	...	40th
				CLXXXI[8]; [20]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.40[23]			229th				136th			
				CLXXXV[8]; [21]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Z.40[23]			231st				137th			
	120th	11/K.O., 13/E. Surr., 14/H.L.I., 14/A. & S.H.; 120th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[17] 120th T.M. Bty.[18]		CLXXXVIII[8]; [22]	A, B, C; D (H.)												
	121st	12/Suff., 13/Gr. How., 20/Middx., 21/Middx.; 121st Bde. M.G. Coy.;[17] 121st T.M. Bty.[18]															
1917 June (France)	119th	19/R.W.F.,[25] 12/S.W.B.,[26] 17/Welsh,[27] 18/Welsh; 119th M.G. Coy.;[47] 119th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXXVIII[19]	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.40	V.40[32]	40th D.A.C.	224th	40th	12/Gr. How. (P.)	244th[33] M.G. Coy.	135th	51st	237th[34]	40th
				CLXXXI[20]	A, B, C; D (H.)		Y.40			229th				136th			
							Z.40[31]			231st				137th			
	120th	11/K.O.,[28] 13/E. Surr.,[29] 14/H.L.I., 14/A. & S.H.; 120th M.G. Coy.;[47] 120th T.M. Bty.															
	121st	12/Suff., 13/Gr. How., 20/Middx., 21/Middx.;[30] 121st M.G. Coy.;[47] 121st T.M. Bty.															
1918 March (France)	119th	13/E. Surr.,[29]; [35] 18/Welsh,[36] 21/Middx.;[30]; [37] 119th T.M. Bty.[44]	...	CLXXVIII ...	A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.40 [31]; [45]	...[33]	40th D.A.C.	224th	40th	12/Gr. How.[46] (P.)	No. 40 Bn.,[47] M.G.C.	135th	51st	237th	40th
				CLXXXI.....	A, B, C; D (H.)					229th				136th			
							Y.40 [31]; [45]			231st				137th			
	120th	10/11/H.L.I.,[38] 14/H.L.I.,[39] 14/A. & S.H.;[40] 120th T.M. Bty.[44]															
	121st	12/Suff.,[41] 13/Gr. How.,[42] 20/Middx.;[43] 121st T.M. Bty.[44]															

		Middx.,[43] 121st T.M. Bty.[44]															
After Reconstitution **1918 July (France)**	119th	13/R. Innis. F.,[45] 13/E. Lanc.,[46] 12/N. Staff.;[47] 119th T.M. Bty.[53]	...	CLXXVIII ... CLXXXI.....	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.40[54] Y.40[54]	...	40th D.A.C.	224th 229th 231st	40th	17/ Worc.[55] (P.)	No. 39 Bn.,[56] M.G.C.	135th 136th 137th	51st	237th	40th
	120th	10/K.O.S.B.,[48] 15/K.O.Y.L.I.,[49] 11/Cam. H.;[49] 120th T.M. Bty.[53]															
	121st	8/R. Irish Regt.,[50] 23/L.F.,[51] 23/Ches.;[52] 121st T.M. Bty.[53]															

NOTES

[1] Formed at Aldershot in September 1915 as 40th Div. This Division was a new formation.

[2] The Inf. Bdes. were raised in 1915 as 119th, 120th, & 121st Bdes.; all three Bdes. were new formations.

[3] 17/ & 18/Welsh were designated 1/ and 2/Glamorgan.

[4] Bde. was reconstituted in Feb. 1916; on 23/2/16 13/E. Surr. and 14/A. & S.H. (from 118th Bde., 39th Div.) replaced 13/Sco. Rif. and 12/S. Lanc.

[5] Bde. was reconstituted in Feb. 1916: on 23/2/16 20/ and 21/Middx. (from 118th Bde., 39th Div.) replaced 18/Sher. For. and 22/Middx. 12/Suff. was designated East Anglian.

[6] Sqdn. joined Div. in England; disembkd. at le Havre on 5/6/16; left Div. on 20/6/16, and on 21/6/16 joined IX Corps Cav. Regt.

[7] Coy. formed in Div. in England; disembkd. at le Havre on 6/6/16; left Div. on 11/6/16, and on 13/6/16 joined Reserve Army.

[8] The Bdes. were raised at East Ham (CLXXVIII), Ashton (CLXXXI), Tottenham (CLXXXV), and Nottingham (CLXXXVIII). The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades; in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery.

Whilst still in England the Bdes. were reorganized: each Bde. then had three four-gun 18-pdr. batteries and one four-gun howitzer battery; to effect this reorganization, the howitzer Bde. (CLXXVIII) exchanged a four-gun howitzer battery for a four-gun 18-pdr. battery with each of the other three Bdes. (CLXXXI, CLXXXV, and CLXXXVIII). The four Bdes. disembkd. at le Havre between 2–5/6/16.

[9] The D.A.C. was raised at Hammersmith. The D.A.C. disembkd. at le Havre on 6/6/16.

[10] Whilst still in England the B.A.C.s were abolished and the D.A.C. was reorganized.

[11] Joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre between 2–4/6/16. The Fd. Cos. were raised at Doncaster.

[12] Joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre 2–6/6/16. The Sig. Coy. was raised at Doncaster.

[13] Joined Div. in England and disembkd. at le Havre on 2/6/16.

[14] Assembled in Dec. 1915 and trained at Tweseldown; disembkd. at le Havre on 3 & 4/6/16.

[15] Joined in England and disembkd. at le Havre on 5/6/16.

[16] The Train consisted of 292, 293, 294, and 295 Cos., A.S.C.; it joined in England and disembkd. at le Havre 2–5/6/16.

[17] 119th, 120th, and 121st Bde. M.G. Cos. left Grantham on 16/6/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 17/6/16, and joined the Div. at Bruay on 19/6/16.

[18] The Light T.M. Bties. were formed:
119th by 25/6/16; **120th** by 8/6/16; **121st** by 15/6/16.

[19] On 1/9/16 1 sec. B/CLXXXV joined and made up A; 1 sec. C/CLXXXV made up B; and 1 sec. C/CLXXXV made up C, to 6 guns each. On 8/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.)/CLXXXI joined and made up D (H.)/CLXXVIII to 6 hows.

[20] On 1/9/16 1 sec. A/CLXXXV joined and made up A; 1 sec. B/CLXXXV made up B; and 1 sec. A/CLXXXV made up C, to 6 guns each. Between 8–12/1/17 D (H.) was broken up and reformed: L. Sec. joined CLXXVIII and made up D (H.)/CLXXVIII to 6 hows.; and D (H.)/CLXXXVIII joined CLXXXI and became D (H.)/CLXXXI, made up by R. Sec. D(H.)/CLXXXI.

[21] Between 31/8–1/9/16 CLXXXV was broken up: A and 1 sec. B joined CLXXXI and made up A, B, C/CLXXXI to 6 guns each; C and 1 sec. B joined CLXXVIII and made up A, B, C/CLXXVIII to 6 guns each; D (H.) became C (H.)/CLXXXVIII.

[22] On 1/9/16 C was broken up: 1 sec. C made up A and 1 sec. C made up B, to 6 guns each; and D (H.)/CLXXXV joined and became C (H.)/CLXXXVIII. Between 8–13/1/17 CLXXXVIII was broken up: A became A/XIV A.F.A. Bde. on 14/1/17; B became A/XV R.H.A. (Army Bde.) on 13/1/17, and on 1/6/17 was renumbered 402; C (H.) was transferred to III Corps; and D (H.) joined CLXXXI (was made up to 6 hows. by R. Sec. of the old D (H.)/CLXXXI) and then became D (H.)/CLXXXI.

[23] X, Y, and Z were formed on 25/6/16; the establnt. of each Medium T.M. Bty. was 4, 2" mortars, 2 offrs., and 23 o.r.

[24] V was formed on 4/7/16.

[25] On 6/2/18 Bn. sent 8 offrs. & 150 o.r. to 2/R.W.F. and remdr. of 19/R.W.F. left Div. and joined VI Corps Rft. Camp. On 15/2/18 19/R.W.F. was disbanded and taken into 8/Entg. Bn.

[26] On 8/2/18 Bn. drafted 11 offrs. & 250 o.r., and on 10/2/18 remdr. of Bn. left Div. and joined VI Corps Rft. Camp. On 16/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and taken into 9/Entg. Bn.

[27] Between 5–9/2/18 Bn. drafted 14 offrs. & 300 o.r., and on 9/2/18 remdr. of Bn. left Div. and joined VI Corps Rft. Camp. On 16/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and taken into 9/Entg. Bn.

[28] Between 3–7/2/18 Bn. drafted 23 offrs. & 577 o.r., and on 7/2/18 remdr. of Bn. left Div. and joined VI Corps Rft. Camp. On 17/2/18 Bn. was disbanded and taken into 9/Entg. Bn.

[29] On 16/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 119th Bde.

[30] On 5/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 119th Bde.

[31] On 6 & 7/3/18 Z was broken up and distributed between X and Y.

[32] V Heavy T.M. Bty. was broken up on 6 & 7/3/18.

[33] Coy. left Grantham on 15/7/17, disembkd. at le Havre on 16/7/17, joined Div. at Heudecourt on 20/7/17.

[34] Formed by 13/6/17.

[35] On 5/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (1 offr., 447 o.r.) went to Base. On 3/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 34th Div., on 17/6/18 to 39th Div.; and on 30/6/18 joined 7th Bde., 25th Div. In England T.C. left 25th Div. and went to Lowestoft.

[36] On 5/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to Base. On 18/6/18 T.C. joined 47th Bde., 16th Div., at Boulogne, amalgamated with 25/Welsh at N. Walsham, and 18/Welsh rejoined 47th Bde., 16th Div., at Aldershot on 7/7/18.

NOTES—*continued*

[37] On 21/4/18 Bn. drafted 2 offrs. & 200 o.r. to 1/Middx. On 5/5/18 21/Middx. was reduced to T.C., surplus (1 offr., 438 o.r.) went to Base. On 3/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 34th Div., on 17/6/18 to 39th Div., and on 30/6/18 joined 74th Bde., 25th Div. In England T.C. left 25th Div. and went to Cromer.

[38] On 1/2/18 Bn. joined 119th Bde. from 46th Bde., 15th Div.; on 16/2/18 Bn. was transferred to 120th Bde. On 6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to Base. On 3/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 34th Div., and on 16/6/18 to 14th Div.; joined 43rd Bde. on 19/6/18, and on 21/6/18 T.C. absorbed 22/H.L.I. and became 10/H.L.I.

[39] On 6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to Base. On 3/6/18 T.C. joined 34th Div., on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 39th Div., and on 16/8/18 to 66th Div. On 20/9/18 T.C. went to L. of C. with 197th Bde.

[40] On 7/4/18 24 offrs. & 496 o.r. were drafted and remdr. of Bn. (6 offrs. & 216 o.r.) was transferred to 30th Div. On 14/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to Base. On 16/6/18 T.C. joined 14th Div., absorbed 17/A. & S.H., and on 21/6/18 joined 42nd Bde.

[41] On 6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (21 offrs. & 670 o.r.) went to Base. On 16/6/18 T.C. joined 14th Div.; T.C. absorbed 16/Suff., and on 19/6/18 joined 43rd Bde.

[42] On 6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus went to Base. On 3/6/18 T.C. joined 34th Div.; on 17/6/18 T.C. was transferred to 39th Div., and joined 25th Div. on 30/6/18. Bn. was reformed in England, joined 236th Bde. (late 75th) on 9/9/18, and in Oct. 1918 went to N. Russia with 236th Bde.

[43] On 6/5/18 Bn. was reduced to T.C., surplus (4 offrs., & 670 o.r.) went to Base. T.C. was transferred on 31/5/18 to 16th Div., to 14th Div. on 16/6/18, and joined 43rd Bde.; on 20/6/18 T.C. absorbed 34/Middx.

[44] The Light T.M. Bties. were disbanded on 5/5/18.

[45] X and Y (Medium T.M. Bties.) were broken up in April 1918.

[46] Bn. was reorganized on a 3-company basis on 24/2/18—Z Coy. was broken up. On 5/5/18 the Pioneer Bn. was reduced to T.C.; surplus (10 offrs. & 350 o.r.) went to Base. On 28/6/18 T.C. was disbanded and absorbed by 17/Worc. (note 55).

[47] Bn. was formed on 25/2/18; it consisted of 119th, 120th, 121st, and 244th M.G. Cos. On 9/5/18 the M.G. Bn. was disbanded, and personnel and transport went to M.G. Base.

RECONSTITUTED DIVISION

[48] Nos. 7, 8, & 11 Garr. Gd. Bns. joined 120th Bde. on 10/6/18, and on 11/6/18 they were redesignated 13/Garr. Bn. R. Innis. F., 13/Garr. Bn. E. Lanc., and 12/Garr. Bn. N. Staff. On 15/6/18 the formation of the 3 Garr. Bns. was completed, and the 3 Garr. Bns. were then transferred to 119th Bde. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[49] Nos. 6, 9, & 10 Garr. Gd. Bns. joined 120th Bde. on 10/6/18, and on 11/6/18 they were redesignated 11/Garr. Bn. Cam. H., 10/Garr. Bn. K.O.S.B., and 15/Garr. Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. On 15/6/18 the formation of the 3 Garr. Bns. was completed, and the 120th Bde. was reconstituted with these 3 Garr. Bns. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[50] 2/Garr. Gd. Bn. R. Irish Regt. joined 178th Bde., 59th Div., on 17/5/18, was redesignated 8/Garr. Bn. R. Irish Regt. on 25/5/18, and on 20/6/18 Bn. joined 121st Bde. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[51] 4/Provl. Garr. Bn. joined 176th Bde., 59th Div., on 13/5/18, was redesignated 23/Garr. Bn. L.F. on 25/5/18, and on 19/6/18 Bn. joined 121st Bde. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[52] 23/Garr. Gd. Bn. Cheshire R. joined 178th Bde., 59th Div., on 24/5/18, became 23/Garr. Bn. Cheshire R. on 25/5/18, and on 20/6/18 Bn. joined 121st Bde. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[53] On 15/6/18 each Bde. was ordered to form one Light T.M. Bty. (estblmt.—3 offrs. & 47 o.r., with 6 mortars each). By 13/7/18 the 3 T.M. Bties. were formed.

[54] Between 1–25/7/18 X and Y (Medium T.M. Bties.) were reformed at Barly.

[55] 1/Provl. Garr. Gd. Bn. joined 176th Bde., 59th Div., on 13/5/18, and on 25/5/18 Bn. was redesignated 17/Garr. Bn. Worc. R. On 18/6/18 Bn. was transferred to 121st Bde.; on 28/6/18 Bn. absorbed T.C. of 12/Gr. How. (P.), and on 29/6/18 Bn. left 121st Bde. and became Pioneer Bn., 40th Div. On 13/7/18 the title **Garrison** was eliminated.

[56] On 11/9/18 No. 39 Bn. M.G.C. (from 39th Div.) joined 40th Div.; relieved No. 104 Bn. M.G.C. (see General Notes), and No. 39 Bn. M.G.C. then served with 40th Div. until the end of the War.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 40th Division :—

ARTILLERY :—**W. Medium T.M. Battery** was formed in the Division on 29/7/16 ; between 10–31/10/16 W was converted into a Heavy T.M. Bty.

INFANTRY :—**13/Sco. Rif. and 12/S. Lanc.** served in the 120th Bde. from its formation until Feb. 1916 (note 4). The two battalions disappeared on the reorganization of the Bde. (see Narrative).

18/Sher. For. and 22/Middx. served in the 121st Bde. from its formation until Feb. 1916 (note 5). The two battalions disappeared on the reorganization of the Bde. (see Narrative).

2/R.S.F. On 7/4/18 Bn. was transferred from 90th Bde., 30th Div., to 120th Bde., 40th Div. ; on 25/4/18 Bn. was transferred to S. African Bde., 9th Div., and joined on 26/4/18 ; and on 13/9/18 Bn. was transferred to 28th Bde., 9th Div. (Until 19/12/15 Bn. had served with 21st Bde., 7th Div.).

MACHINE-GUN UNIT :—**No. 104 Bn., M.G.C.**, served with the Division from 24/8–16/9/18. (104 M.G.Bn. was formed at Etaples on 18/7/18 from 2 County of London Yeo. Originally designated F Battalion, it was redesignated No. 104 Bn. on 19/8/18).

OTHER UNITS :—**83rd Sanitary Section** joined Div. in England ; disembkd. at le Havre on 5/6/16, and concentrated at Lillers on 7/6/16. The Section left the Division on 24/4/17 and took over a Sanitary Area in the Fourth Army.

40th Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop joined Div. in England, crossed to France on 2/6/18, and concentrated at Lillers ; the Unit was then merged in 40th Div. A.S.C. workshops.

On 16/2/18 the reorganization of the 40th Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed ; and on 24/2/18 the pioneer battalion (12/Gr. How.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

Composite Brigades—(*a*) On 18/4/18 40th Division formed a **Composite Bde.** (Br.-Gen. J. Campbell*), made up as follows :—A Bn. (20/ & 21/ Middx.), B Bn. (13/Gr. How.), C Bn. (12/Suff. & 13/E. Surr.), and M.G. Coy. (from No. 40 Bn. M.G.C.) and Light T.M. Bty. (from 119th & 121st T.M. Bties.), with 224th Fd. Coy., 1 sub.-sec. S.A.A. Sec. 40th D.A.C., 137th Fd. Ambce., and No. 4 Coy., Divnl. Train.

This Composite Brigade was employed in digging the Herzeele–le Brearde Line (in front of Cassel).

(*b*) On 27/4/18 a second **Composite Bde.** (Br.-Gen. F. P. Crozier) was formed : A Bn. (18/Welsh), B Bn. (13/E. Surr.), and C Bn. (10/11 & 14/H.L.I.), with 1 Coy., No. 40 Bn. M.G.C., 136th Fd. Ambce., and No. 2 Coy., Divnl. Train. No. 2 Composite Bde. (under Divnl. H.Q.) was employed on digging the Poperinghe Line.

On 2/5/18 Nos. 1 and 2 Composite Bdes. were withdrawn and 40th Div. began reducing all Infantry and M.G. Units to Training Cadre ; the surplus personnel went to the Base (notes 35-47).

40th Division Artillery :—On 27/3/18, after the 40th Division had been withdrawn, the 40th Division Artillery remained in action covering part of VI Corps front, and took part in the Battle of Arras (28/3/18). From April to August 1918 40th Div. Arty. remained in VI Corps and was employed (like Army Field Artillery) to cover various divisions which held VI Corps Front Line. Still in VI Corps, 40th Div. Arty. was engaged in the **Second Battles of the Somme** (Battle of Albert, 21–23/8). On 25/8/18 40th Div. Arty. was transferred to XVII Corps and was engaged with it in the **Second Battles of Arras** (Battle of the Scarpe, 26–30/9, and Battle of the Drocourt–Quéant Line, 2–3/9) ; and in the **Battles of the Hindenburg Line** (Battle of the Canal du Nord, 27/9–1/10, and Battle of Cambrai, 8–9/10) ; and the Pursuit to the Selle (9–12/10/18).

On 13/10/18 40th Div. Arty. was relieved in the front line ; and entrained on 16/10/18 on transfer from XVII Corps, Third Army to 40th Div., XV Corps, Second Army. On 18/10/18 40th Division Artillery rejoined 40th Division at Armentières.

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* Until 27/4/18, then Lt.-Col. L. Lloyd.

40TH DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

Most of the earlier New Army divisions had a strictly territorial basis, at any rate so far as the infantry and pioneers were concerned; but the infantry of the 40th Division was composed of English, Welsh, and Scottish units and the pioneers were English.

Early in September 1915 the first divisional staff officer reached Stanhope Lines, Aldershot, and, within a short time, the remainder of the divisional staff assembled. Units also began to arrive, and in December 1915 the Division moved out to Blackdown, Pirbright, and Woking; it remained in this training area until it went to France.

The standard of height for an infantry soldier had been lowered before the 40th Division was formed, and the four Welsh battalions of the 119th Infantry Brigade were composed entirely of 'bantams.' The men of the other two brigades (120th and 121st) were mixed in height, but even in these two brigades there were many 'bantams.' All three infantry brigades were new formations (see Appendix 2).

The 'bantams' of the 119th Infantry Brigade were well-knit, hardy Welshmen; but the 120th and 121st Infantry Brigades contained a large proportion of under-developed and unfit men, and a drastic weeding-out became necessary. In this way one battalion, which had arrived at Aldershot 1,000 strong, was reduced by medical rejections to little over 200 men. These rejections caused delay in the training programme, but, unfortunately, the first enthusiasm for enlistment also had spent itself; the losses, therefore, could not be made good in time from the ordinary sources of supply. In the 119th Brigade the wastage due to medical rejections had been slight; but in the 120th and 121st Brigades it was estimated that only two serviceable battalions could be formed from the existing four in each brigade, consequently the 120th and 121st Brigades would each require two new battalions to complete it to war establishment. To prevent the departure of the Division being indefinitely postponed, the Divisional Commander, early in 1916, recommended that four new battalions should be sent to the Division to bring it up to its full complement of men. This recommendation was approved, and the four battalions which previously formed the 118th Brigade (39th Division) were ordered to move to the 40th Division. Meanwhile, in February 1916, the original four battalions in each of the 120th and 121st Infantry Brigades were amalgamated to form two battalions for each of these two brigades. Within three days this internal reorganization was completed and two battalions in each brigade disappeared (see General Notes). Then, on the 23rd February, the four new battalions arrived and two each were alloted to the 120th and 121st Brigades. The reformation of these two brigades was finished; divisional training was intensified at once, all deficiencies were made good, and arms and equipment were completed.

After the middle of May 1916 the Division was warned to prepare to move to France. On the 25th May the Division paraded on Laffans Plain for inspection by H.M. the King. On the 27th mobilization began and was completed on the 31st. Entrainment started on the 1st June, disembarkation was carried out at le Havre between the 2nd–6th, and by 6.30 p.m. on the 9th June the Division completed concentration in the Lillers area (N.N.W. of Béthune).

For the remainder of the Great War the 40th Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

14–18 November ... ... **Battle of the Ancre** (120th Bde., under 31st Div.) [XIII Corps, Fifth Army].

1917

14–25 March ... ... **German Retreat to the Hindenburg Line** [XV Corps, [Fourth Army].

21; 24 & 25 April; and 5 May } **Capture of Fifteen Ravine; Villers Plouich; Beaucamp; and la Vacquerie** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

23–25 November ... ... **Capture of Bourlon Wood** [IV Corps, Third Army].

1918

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [VI Corps, Third Army].

24 & 25 March ... ... **First Battle of Bapaume** [VI Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE LYS

9–11 April ... ... **Battle of Estaires** [XV Corps, First Army].

12 & 13 April ... ... **Battle of Hazebrouck** [XV Corps, First Army, until noon 12/4; then Second Army].

On 2/5/18 the reduction of the Division to Training Cadre began. At first Divisional Headquarters were at St. Omer (until the 4th June), then at Lederzeele until the 23rd, and after that at Renescure. Between the end of May and the middle of June all Training Cadres left the Division (notes 35/43) and six Garrison Guard Battalions joined on the 10th June, followed by four more between the 18th–20th June. On the 14th June orders were received that the 40th Division was to be reorganized; this was completed by the middle of July (see Table). In case of an emergency the 40th Division was to be prepared to hold the West Hazebrouck Line. By the 18th July the infantry brigades began to take over portions of the Front Line. Between this time and the end of the Great War the 40th Division took part in the following operations:—

THE ADVANCE TO VICTORY

28 Sept.–19 Oct.; 27 Oct.–10 Nov. **THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS** [XV Corps, Second Army].

28 Sept.–2 Oct. ... ... **Battle of Ypres** [XV Corps, Second Army].

The Division remained in the front line and continued to advance; on the 18th October Croix (south of Roubaix) was occupied, and on the next day the Division was relieved in the front line at Lannoy and Leers. On the 27th October the Division again took over part of the XV Corps front line from Pecq—along the Schelde left bank —Espierres Canal. Patrols were pushed across the Schelde to reconnoitre, but no foothold on the right bank was maintained until the 2nd November. On the 8th an advance was made and Herrines was occupied. A company of XV Corps Cyclists was now attached to the 40th Division; at 3 p.m. on the 9th November Velaines was entered, an advance of 7 miles having been made since daybreak. On the 10th the front line was extended to the north; the cyclists pushed on, crossed the Rhosne, and reached the railway north-east of Anvaing. This was the furthest point reached in the final advance of the 40th Division. During the night of the 10th/11th November the 59th and 29th Divisions (XI and II Corps) joined hands in front of XV Corps and the 40th Division was withdrawn into reserve, with divisional headquarters at Lannoy. At 11 a.m. on the next day, 11th November, the Armistice brought hostilities to a close.

After the Armistice the Division rested and was employed in training and on road repair, and lectures were given on various educational subjects. On the 25th November the Division moved back and headquarters opened at Roubaix. On the 2nd December a divisional school was opened and refresher courses were given to carpenters, blacksmiths, tinsmiths, plumbers, and bricklayers; during this month pivotal men and miners left for demobilization.

During January and February 1919 demobilization continued at an increasing rate and in February all the divisional schools were closed. In March the Division was reduced to cadre strength and divisional cadre headquarters moved to Croix. Until the middle of May 1919 the 40th Division Cadre Groups remained in existence, and then they finally disappeared. The Division had come to end. During the Great War the 40th Division lost 19,179 killed, wounded, and missing.

41st DIVISION

G.O.C.

13 September 1915 ... ... Major-General S. T. B. Lawford.

G.S.O.1.

18 Sept. 1915...Major E. P. Dorrien-Smith (acting).
14 Jan. 1916...Lt.-Col. B. D. L. G. Anley.
3 May 1917...Lt.-Col. R. G. Parker.
1 Mar. 1918...Lt.-Col. E. A. Beck.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

18 Sept. 1915...Lt.-Col. J. S. Knox.
28 Aug. 1916...Lt.-Col. C. F. Potter.
9 July 1917...Lt.-Col. T. S. Riddell-Webster.

B.-G., R.A.

8 Nov. 1915...Br.-Gen. S. Lushington (wounded, 27/9/17).
27 Sept. 1917...Lt.-Col. G. A. Cardew (acting).
12 Oct. 1917...Br.-Gen. A. S. Cotton.

C.R.E.

11 Nov. 1915...Lt.-Col. W. M. Coldstream (sick, 4/5/16).
7 May 1916...Captain E. C. Baker (acting).
15 May 1916...Lt.-Col. E. N. Stockley.
6 June 1918...Lt.-Col. A. C. Howard.

122nd BDE.
(new formation)

27 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. F. W. Towsey.
8 June '18...Br.-Gen. S. V. P. Weston.

123rd BDE.
(new formation)

30 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. C. S. Davidson.
23 Sept. '16...Br.-Gen. C. W. E. Gordon (killed, 23/7/17).
24 July '17...Br.-Gen. W. F. Clemson (tempy).
3 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. E. Pearce Serocold.
23 June '18...Br.-Gen. M. Kemp-Welch.

124th BDE.
(new formation)

29 Sept. '15...Br.-Gen. W. F. Clemson (wd., 9/6/16).
10 June '16...Lt.-Col. Earl of Feversham (acting).
24 June '16...Br.-Gen. W. F. Clemson.
24 July '17...Lt.-Col. W. C. Clark (acting).
2 Aug. '17...Br.-Gen. W. F. Clemson.
21 June '18...Br.-Gen. R. L. Adlercron.

41st DIVISION [1]

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY						Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Empnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Trench Mortar Bties.		Divnl. Ammn. Coln.								
	Brigades	Battalions and attached Units		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Medium	Heavy		Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.						
1916 April (England)	122nd[2]; [3] 123rd[2]; [4] 124th[2]; [5]	12/E. Surr., 15/Hants., 11/Q.O.R.W.K.,[3] 18/K.R.R.C. 11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K.,[4] 23/Middx., 20/D.L.I. 10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 32/R.F., 21/K.R.R.C.	B Sqdn.,[6] R. Wilts. Yeo. 41st Div. Cyclist Coy.[7]	CLXXXIII (H.)[8] CLXXXVII[9] CLXXXIX[9] CXC[9]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.) A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D	CLXXXIII (H.) B.A.C. CLXXXVII B.A.C. CLXXXIX B.A.C. CXC B.A.C.	...	...	41st D.A.C.[8]	228th[9] 233rd[9] 237th[9]	41st[9]	19/Middx.[10] (P.)	...	138th[11] 139th[11] 140th[11]	52nd[12]	...	41st[13]
1916 May (France)	122nd 123rd 124th	12/E. Surr., 15/Hants., 11/Q.O.R.W.K., 18/K.R.R.C. 11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K., 23/Middx., 20/D.L.I. 10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 32/R.F., 21/K.R.R.C.	B Sqdn.,[14] R. Wilts. Yeo. 41st Div. Cyclist Coy.[15]	CLXXXIII (H.)[16] CLXXXVII[17] CLXXXIX[16] CXC[19]	A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.) A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D	CLXXXIII (H.) B.A.C. CLXXXVII B.A.C. CLXXXIX B.A.C. CXC B.A.C.	...	...	41st D.A.C.	228th 233rd 237th	41st	19/Middx. (P.)	...	138th 139th 140th	52nd	...	41st
1916 June (France)	122nd 123rd 124th	12/E. Surr., 15/Hants., 11/Q.O.R.W.K., 18/K.R.R.C.; 122nd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 122nd T.M. Bty.[21] 11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K., 23/Middx., 20/D.L.I.; 123rd Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 123rd T.M. Bty.[21] 10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 32/R.F., 21/K R.R.C.; 124th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[20] 124th T.M. Bty.[21]	...	CLXXXIII[16; 22] CLXXXVII[17; 23] CLXXXIX[16; 24] CXC[19; 25]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...[26]	X.41[26] Y.41[26] Z.41[26]	V.41[27]	41st D.A.C.[28]	228th 233rd 237th	41st	19/Middx. (P.)	...	138th 139th 140th	52nd	...	41st
1917 June (France)	122nd 123rd 124th	12/E. Surr., 15/Hants.,[29] 11/Q.O.R.W.K., 18/K.R.R.C.; 122nd M.G. Coy.; 122nd T.M. Bty. 11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K., 23/Middx., 20/D.L.I.; 123rd M.G. Coy.; 123rd T.M. Bty. 10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 32/R.F., 21/K.R.R.C.; 124th M.G. Coy.; 124th T.M. Bty.	...	CLXXXVII[25] CXC[25]	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.41 Y.41 Z.41	V.41[30]	41st D.A.C.	228th 233rd 237th	41st	19/Middx. (P.)	238th[31] M.G. Coy.	138th 139th 140th	52nd	238th[32]	41st

		Coy.; 124th T.M Bty.															
1917 December (Italy)	122nd	12/E. Surr., 15/(Hants. Carabiniers) Hants.,[29] 11/Q.O.R.W.K.,[23] 18/K.R.R.C.; 122nd M.G. Coy.;[30] 122nd T.M. Bty.	...	CLXXXVII ... CXC	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.41 Y.41 Z.41[37]	...	41st D.A.C.	228th 233rd 237th	41st	19/ Middx. (P.)	199th[38] M.G. Coy.	138th 139th 140th	52nd	238th	41st
	123rd	11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K., 23/Middx., 20/D.L.I.;[24] 123rd M.G. Coy.;[30] 123rd T.M. Bty.															
	124th	10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 32/R.F.,[25] 21/K.R.R.C.;[26] 124th M.G. Coy.;[30] 124th T.M. Bty.															
1918 March (France)	122nd	12/E. Surr., 15/(Hants. Carabiniers) Hants., 18/K.R.R.C.; 122nd T.M. Bty.	...	CLXXXVII ... CXC	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.41 Y.41	...	41st D.A.C.	228th 233rd 237th	41st	19/ Middx. (P.)	No. 41 Bn.,[39] M.G.C.	138th 139th 140th	52nd	238th	41st
	123rd	11/Queen's, 10/Q.O.R.W.K., 23/Middx.; 123rd T.M. Bty.															
	124th	10/Queen's, 26/R.F., 20/D.L.I.;[24] 124th T.M. Bty.															

NOTES

[1] Formed at Aldershot in September 1915 as 41st Div. This Division was a new formation.

[2] The Inf. Bdes. were raised in 1915 as 122nd, 123rd, & 124th Bdes.; all three Bdes. were new formations.

[3] The Bns. were designated: Bermondsey, 2nd Portsmouth, Lewisham, and Arts & Crafts. On 16/10/15 11/Q.O.R.W.K. joined 122nd Bde. from 118th Bde., 39th Div.

[4] The Bns. were designated: Lambeth, Kent County, 2nd. Football, and Wearside. On 16/10/15 10/Q.O.R.W.K. joined 123rd Bde. from 118th Bde., 39th Div.

[5] The Bns. were designated: Battersea, Bankers, East Ham, and Yeomen Rifles.

[6] Sqdn. joined Div. before 20/11/15 at Aldershot. The Sqdn. disembkd. at le Havre on 6/5/16.

[7] Coy. was formed in the Div. before 20/11/15 at Aldershot. The Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 6/5/16.

[8] The Artillery Bdes. were designated: Hampstead, Fulham, Hackney, and Wimbledon; and the D.A.C. was designated: West Ham. The Bdes. were raised as 4-battery brigades, in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D—and each battery was a 4-gun battery. The Divnl. Arty. disembkd. at le Havre between 2–5/5/16.

[9] The 3 Fd. Cos. were designated: Barnsley, Ripon, and Reading; the Signal Coy. was designated Glasgow. The companies disembkd. at le Havre between 2–6/5/16.

[10] The Pioneer Bn. was designated: 2nd Public Works, and it joined the Div. at Aldershot before 20/11/15. The Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 2/5/16.

[11] The 3 Fd. Ambces. were trained at Crookham; they went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre between 3–6/5/16.

[12] The Sec. joined the Div. at Aldershot before 20/11/15; it disembkd. at le Havre on 5/5/16.

[13] The Train consisted of 296, 297, 298, & 299 Cos., A.S.C.; it collected at Mytchett, went to France with the Div., and disembkd. at le Havre between 2–5/5/16.

[14] Sqdn. left the Div. on 31/5/16, was attached to 2nd Cav. Div. from 1–21/6/16, and joined IX Corps Cav. Regt. on 22/6/16.

[15] Coy. left the Div. on 28/5/16, and joined II Corps Cyclist Bn. that day.

[16] On 27/5/16 A (H.), B (H.), & C (H.) left CLXXXIII and became D (H.)/CLXXXIX, D (H.)/CLXXXVII, and D (H.)/CXC; and D/CLXXXIX, D/CLXXXVII, and D/CXC joined and became A, B, and C/CLXXXIII; D (H.) remained D (H.)/CLXXXIII.

[17] On 27/5/16 D left and became B/CLXXXIII; and B (H.)/CLXXXIII joined and became D (H.)/CLXXXVII.

[18] On 27/5/16 D left and became A/CLXXXIII; and A (H.)/CLXXXIII joined and became D (H.)/CLXXXIX.

[19] On 27/5/16 D left and became C/CLXXXIII; and C (H.)/CLXXXIII joined and became D (H.)/CXC.

[20]
122nd M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 17/5/16 and joined 122nd Bde. on 21/5/16;
123rd M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 17/6/16 and joined 123rd Bde. on 20/6/16;
124th M.G. Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 17/6/16 and joined 124th Bde. on 19/6/16.

[21] Bde. T.M. Bties. were formed in Bdes. as follows:
122nd—122/1 & 122/2 were formed on 20/5/16, and became 122nd T.M. Bty. by 15/6/16;
123rd—123rd T.M. Bty. was formed by 15/6/16;
124th—124/1 & 124/2 were formed by 2/6/16, and became 124th T.M. Bty. by 15/6/16.

[22] Between 18–30/11/16 Bde. was broken up: R. Sec. A made up A/CLXXXVII, L. Sec. A made up B/CLXXXVII, and Sec. C made up C/CLXXXVII; B & D (H.) were transferred to CXC; and Sec. C made up C/CXC to 6 guns.

NOTES—*continued*

[23] On 30/11/16 A was made up to 6 guns by R. Sec. A/CLXXXIII, B was made up by L. Sec. A/CLXXXIII, and C was made up by Sec. C/CLXXXIII; D (H.)/CXC joined, was made up to 6 hows. by L. Sec. D (H.)/CLXXXVII, and became D (H.)/CLXXXVII; and R. Sec. D (H.) joined D (H.)/CLXXXIII and became D (H.)/CXC. On 5/12/16 R. Sec. of old D (H.)/CLXXXVII returned, joined L. Sec. of old D (H.)/CLXXXVII, and D (H.)/CLXXXVII was reformed; and old D (H.)/CXC then became A (H.)/CLXXXIX. On 8/1/17 D (H.) CLXXXVII was made up to 6 hows. by 1 sec. of D (H.)/CXC.

[24] On 26 & 27/11/16 A was split up and made up B and C to 6 guns each; D (H.) remained 4 hows. On 5/12/16 old D (H.)/CXC (see note 23) joined and became A (H.)/CLXXXIX. On 8/1/17 CLXXXIX became an A.F.A. Bde., and A (H.) was transferred to CXC (note 25); on 20/1/17 1 sec. C (H.)/CCXXXVI (from 47th Div.) joined and made up D (H.)/CLXXXIX to 6 hows.; and on 21/1/17, 34th Bty. (6th Div. until 15/2/16, then 47th Div.) joined CLXXXIX A.F.A. Bde.

[25] On 25 & 26/11/16 B/CLXXXIII joined, was made up to 6 guns by R. Sec. A/CXC, and became A/CXC; L. Sec. A/CXC made up B/CXC to 6 guns; and Sec. C/CLXXXIII joined and made up C/CXC; D (H.)/CLXXXIII joined CXC, was made up to 6 hows. by R. Sec. D (H.)/CLXXXVII, and became D (H.)/CXC; and old D (H.)/CXC was transferred to CLXXXVII (note 23). On 5/12/16 R. Sec. D (H.)/CLXXXVII left new D (H.)/CXC, returned to CLXXXVII, and old D (H.)/CLXXXVII was reformed. On 8/1/17 new D (H.)/CXC was broken up: 1 sec. left and made up D (H.)/CLXXXVII; the remaining Sec. made up A (H.)/CLXXXIX (note 24) to 6 hows., and A (H.)/CLXXXIX then became D (H.)/CXC.

[26] On 17/5/16 3 Medium (2") T.M. Bties. were formed: the personnel came from the B.A.C.s.

[27] V Heavy T.M. Bty. (240 m/m. mortars) was formed and in action by 24/7/16.

[28] At 9 a.m., 22/5/16 B.A.C.s were abolished, absorbed by D.A.C., and reformed into Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Sections, 41st D.A.C.—A Echelon.

[29] On 25/9/17 a draft of 12 offrs. & 307 o.r. 1/1/Hants. Carabiniers joined 15/Hants., and on 8/10/17 119 o.r. of the same Yeo. Regt. joined the Bn., which was then redesignated 15/(Hants. Carabiniers) Hants.

[30] On 29/10/17 V Heavy T.M. Bty. was disbanded and the personnel was absorbed by the Fd. Bties. and the D.A.C.

[31] Coy. was formed at Grantham on 18/2/17, disembkd. at le Havre on 14/7/17, and joined Div. at Abeele on 17/7/17. Coy. left 41st Div. on 1/10/17, embkd. at Marseille on 12/10/17, disembkd. at Magil on 8/11/17, reached Amara on 28/10/17, and joined 54th Ind. Inf. Bde., 18th Ind. Div., at Hayaida on 30/12/17.

[32] Coy. was formed by 16/6/17.

[33] On 16/3/18 Bn. was disbanded and drafted to 6/ & 10/Q.O.R.W.K., No. 41 M.G. Bn., and 11/Entg. Bn.

[34] On 17/3/18 Bn. was transferred to 124th Bde.

[35] On 18/3/18 Bn. was disbanded and drafted to 10/Queen's, 10/, 23/, & 26/R.F., No. 41 M.G. Bn., and 9/Entg. Bn.

[36] On 16/3/18 Bn. was disbanded and drafted to 1/, 2/, 7/, 9/, 12/, 13/, 16/, 17/, & 18/K.R.R.C., and surplus joined No. 41 M.G. Bn.

[37] In Italy Z was attached to G.H.Q. (Italy) T.M. School from 24/1–28/2/18. Z returned to France with 41st Div. in March 1918; and on 25/4/18 Z was broken up and absorbed by X and Y.

[38] Coy. served with 49th Div. from 19/12/16–29/10/17; and on 30/10/17 Coy. joined 41st Div. at Bray Dunes.

[39] The Bn. was formed at Sombrin on 17/3/18; it comprised 122nd, 123rd, 124th, and 199th M.G. Cos.

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 41st Division :—

ARTILLERY :—86 Siege Battery, R.G.A. (2, 12" Hows. on Railway Mountings) was attached to 41st Div. at Aldershot from 1/4/16 until departure for France. The Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 3/5/16, and joined XXVI Heavy Arty. Group on 9/5/16.

89 Siege Battery, R.G.A. (4, 9.2" Hows.) was attached to 41st Div. at Aldershot from 1/4/16 until departure for France. The Bty. disembkd. at le Havre on 30/4/16, and was attached to Canadian Corps Heavy Artillery on 1/6/16.

XIII Belgian Field Artillery Regt. (1st Group—1st, 2nd, & 3rd Bties.; 2nd Group—4th, 5th, & 6th Bties.) was attached for administration to 41st Division—1st Group under tactical command of B.G., R.A., 41st Div. and 2nd Group under tactical command of B.G., R.A., 47th Div.—from 1/1–17/5/17; XIII F.A. Regt. then left to rejoin the Belgian Army.

OTHER UNITS :—84th Sanitary Section joined Div. in England; disembkd. at le Havre on 5/5/16, and served with the Div. in France until 19/4/17, when the Sany. Sec. was transferred to Army Troops, Fifth Army.

41st Div. Motor Ambce. Workshop joined Div. in England; disembkd. at Rouen on 5/5/16, left Rouen on 10/5/16, joined Div. at Merris on 11/5/16; the Unit was then merged in 40th Div. A.S.C. workshops.

On 18/3/18 the reorganization of the 41st Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 18/3/18 the pioneer battalion (19/Middx.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

41st DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

This New Army Division had no existence before the outbreak of the Great War.

The 41st Division (the junior division of the reconstituted Fifth New Army) was formed at Aldershot in September 1915. The Division was an entirely new formation (see Appendix 2); and the three infantry brigades (122nd, 123rd, and 124th) were also new formations which came into existence in September 1915. During that month and the next the battalions and divisional troops moved into the Aldershot Training Area.

The sub-titles of the four battalions of the 122nd Infantry Brigade were Bermondsey (12/E. Surrey), 2nd Portsmouth (15/Hants.), Lewisham (11/Q.O.R.W.K.), and Arts & Crafts (18/K.R.R.C.); the sub-titles of the battalions of the 123rd Brigade were Lambeth (11/Queen's), Kent County (10/Q.O.R.W.K.), 2nd Football (23/Middx.), and Wearside (20/D.L.I.); and the battalions of the 124th Brigade were called Battersea (10/Queen's), Bankers (26/R.F.), East Ham (32/R.F.), and Yeomen Rifles (21/K.R.R.C.). The Field Artillery Brigades were designated Hampstead (CLXXXIII), Fulham (CLXXXVII), Hackney (CLXXXIX), and Wimbledon (CXC); the D.A.C. was called West Ham. The sub-titles of the three R.E. Field Companies were Barnsley (228th), Ripon (233rd), and Reading (237th); the Signal Company's designation was Glasgow; and the sub-title of the Pioneer Battalion (19/Middx.) was 2nd Public Works. The majority of these units were raised by mayors of boroughs, in response to Lord Kitchener's 1915 appeal for units to be formed of groups of friends who were all associated with one locality; and as far as possible the sub-titles were selected to perpetuate the birthplaces, or origins, of the units.

Training began in earnest after the arrival of the Division in the Aldershot area. Gradually the men were equipped with a short Lee-Enfield Mark III rifle, and learned both the use and care of arms. It was impressed on them that the rifle was not merely a weapon with which to fire, but it must be cleaned and prized above all other objects. One sergeant-instructor put it very clearly: "You must take as much care of your rifle as you would of your wife. Every day rub it all over with an oily rag."

Slowly signallers, Lewis gunners, bombers, and other specialists began to appear; officers went on various courses, and some were attached for a short spell of duty in France. On one occasion the monotony of training was broken by German aircraft passing over the huts occupied by one of the battalions. On the alarm being given the commanding officer, in an excess of zeal worthy of Midshipman Easy, ordered his battalion to fall in on parade, and presented the enemy with a considerable target; fortunately no bombs were dropped.

During this period of training, route marches were numerous, as they were considered excellent for trying the endurance of the men and making them fit. These exercises were carried out in full marching order; and, in addition, in each of the leather pouches was placed an iron weight—known as 'Kitchener's chocolate'—to simulate the ammunition normally carried in the field. In the far-distant future, puzzled archaeologists may speculate about the origin of numerous iron lumps found lying in Hampshire and Surrey ditches.

The time came for intensive divisional training to be started; to facilitate this, in February 1916 the infantry brigades and the divisional troops were all concentrated in Aldershot—Divnl. Hd. Qrs., the R.F.A., and the 122nd Bde. in Marlborough Lines; the R.E., the 124th Bde., and the Pioneers in Stanhope Lines; and the 123rd Bde. in Wellington Lines.

Final preparation for service in the field was strenuously undertaken, and all deficiencies in arms and equipment were made good. On the 26th April the Division was inspected by H.M. the King, who was accompanied by Field-Marshal Lord French and General Sir A. Hunter. Mayors of boroughs and others who had assisted in raising the various units and formations were also present at this parade.

Entrainment began on May Day 1916, disembarkation in France was concluded on the 6th May, and on the 8th May the Division completed its concentration between Hazebrouck and Bailleul, in the Second Army area.

For the remainder of the Great War the 41st Division served mainly on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:

1916

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

15–17 September ... ... **Battle of Flers-Courcelette** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

4–10 October ... ... **Battle of the Transloy Ridges** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

1917

7–14 June ... ... **Battle of Messines** [X Corps, Second Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

31 July–2 Aug. ... ... **Battle of Pilckem Ridge** [X Corps, Second Army].

20–22 September ... ... **Battle of the Menin Road Ridge** [X Corps, Second Army].

26 Sept.–11 Nov. ... **Operations on the Flanders Coast** [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

On the 7th Nov., the 41st Div. was informed that it was to be transferred to the Italian Front, and on the 12th entrainment began. On the 16th November the first units detrained in the Mantua area, and by the 18th the Div. completed its concentration to the N.W. of Mantua. On the 30th November it began to take over the front line behind the Piave (N.W. of Treviso) from the Italian 1st Div. The relief was completed by 9 a.m. 2nd Dec., and the 41st Div. then formed part of XIV Corps.

1918

On the 16th January the 7th Division began to relieve the 41st Div. and the relief was completed by 10 a.m. on the 19th; the 41st Div. then passed into G.H.Q. Reserve. On the 16th Feb. the Div. began to relieve the 23rd Div. in the left sector of XIV Corps Front Line, N. of Montebelluna, and by 4 p.m. on the 18th the relief was completed. The Div. held the left sector until 10 a.m. 26th Feb., when the 23rd Div. again took it over. On the 28th Feb. the 41st Div. concentrated in the Campo S. Piero entraining area, preparatory to returning to France. On the 1st March entrainment began, and on the 9th March the Div. completed detrainment at Doullens and Mondicourt; the Div. then joined IV Corps, Third Army. Before the end of the Great War the 41st Division took part in the following operations on the Western Front:

FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

22 & 23 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [IV Corps, Third Army].

24 & 25 March ... ... **Battle of Bapaume** [IV Corps, Third Army].

28 March ... ... **Battle of Arras** [IV Corps, Third Army].

9–29 April ... ... **BATTLES OF THE LYS** [VIII Corps, until 8 a.m., 13/4; then II Corps, Second Army].

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(continued).

ADVANCE TO VICTORY

3–6 September ... ... **Advance in Flanders** [XIX Corps, Second Army].

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN FLANDERS

28 Sept.–2 Oct. ... ... **Battle of Ypres** [XIX Corps, Second Army].
14–19 October ... ... **Battle of Courtrai** [XIX Corps, Second Army].
25 October ... ... **Ooteghem** [XIX Corps, Second Army].

On the 26th and 27th October the Division was relieved in the front line and drawn back to rest around Courtrai. On the 1st November it re-occupied part of XIX Corps Front Line and established touch with the French 41st Division on the 3rd November; on the same day the 124th Brigade pushed three Lewis Gun posts across the Schelde at Berchem bridge, but on the 4th these posts were heavily shelled and had to be withdrawn. On the 9th November, the 123rd Brigade effected the passage of the Schelde, and that night established an outpost line on the Renaix–Nukerke road, gaining touch on the left with the French 41st Division. The Division pushed on; and by 11 a.m. on the 11th November, when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, the leading brigade (124th) had advanced through Nederbrakel and was covered by its outpost line on the high ground above Tenbosch; cyclists had reached the line of the Dendre near Grammont.

On the 12th November the 41st Division was informed that it had been selected to form part of the Army of Occupation in Germany; on the 13th it took over the outpost line of XIX Corps and established posts in Grammont. On the 14th the Division was transferred to II Corps, and on the 18th it began its advance to the Rhine. On the 28th the Division was halted astride the Dendre between Lessines and Grammont and on this day it was transferred to X Corps. On the 12th December the advance eastwards was continued through Enghien–Hal–Braine l'Alleud–Plancenoit–Marbais–Sombreffe–Temploux–north of Namur–north of Huy; the billeting area on the left bank of the Meuse was reached on the 21st December.

On the 6th January 1919 the Division began to entrain for Germany and on the 12th it took over the left sector of X Corps in the Cologne Bridgehead, with divisional headquarters in Cologne. Military, educational, and recreational training was carried out whilst the Division was on garrison duty on the Rhine, and demobilization proceeded steadily. During February and at the beginning of March some changes took place in the grouping of infantry units. Then, on the 15th March, came the big change —the British divisions in the Army of the Rhine, were renamed, and the 41st Division became the London Division. The Division was thus brought to an abrupt end. During the Great War the 41st Division lost 32,158 killed, wounded, and missing.

63RD (ROYAL NAVAL) DIVISION

G.O.C.

21 September 1914	Br.-Gen. Sir G. G. ASTON (sick, 29/9/14).
29 September 1914	Br.-General A. PARIS.
3 October 1914	Major-General A. PARIS (wounded, 12/10/16).
12 October 1916	Br.-Gen. C. H. DE ROUGEMONT (acting).
16 October 1916	Br.-Gen. C. N. TROTMAN (acting).
17 October 1916	Major-General C. D. SHUTE.
19 February 1917	Major-General C. E. LAWRIE.
30 August 1918	Major-General C. A. BLACKLOCK.

G.S.O.1.

4 Sept. 1914...Lt.-Col. A. H. OLLIVANT.
29 Feb. 1916...Major E. F. P. SKETCHLEY (acting).
25 May 1916...Lt.-Col. C. A. KER.
28 July 1916...Lt.-Col. N. R. DAVIDSON.
7 Aug. 1916...Lt.-Col. C. F. ASPINALL.
15 Nov. 1917...Lt.-Col. W. G. NEILSON.
8 July 1918...Lt.-Col. T. L. B. SOUTRY (sick, 25/8/18).
25 Aug. 1918...Major W. R. MEREDITH (acting).
26 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. J. H. MACKENZIE.

A.-A. & Q.-M.-G.

[7 Aug. 1914]...Lt.-Col. H. D. FARQUHARSON (acting).
23 Sept. 1914...Lt.-Col. H. D. FARQUHARSON.
29 Sept. 1914...Major G. S. RICHARDSON.
30 Oct. 1914...Lt.-Col. G. S. RICHARDSON.
21 Dec. 1915...Lt.-Col. J. D. BULLER.
12 April 1916...Major R. F. C. FOSTER (acting).
27 May 1916...Lt.-Col. R. F. C. FOSTER.
2 Aug. 1918...Lt.-Col. R. R. SMYTH.

B.-G., R.A.

[20 June 1916]...Br.-Gen. C. H. DE ROUGEMONT.

(In July 1916 the Divisional Artillery joined 63rd (R.N.) Div. in France, from 63rd (2/Northumbrian) Div.*–see Table and notes 65–68 and 71.)

C.R.E.

[21 Aug. 1914]...Lt.-Col. A. B. CAREY.
27 May 1916...Lt.-Col. G. H. HARRISON.
21 Dec. 1916...Major A. R. DAVIES (acting).
28 Dec. 1916...Lt.-Col. S. H. COWAN.
19 April 1918...Major J. W. REVELL (acting).
12 May 1918...Lt.-Col. J. A. GRAEME.

* On 21/7/1916 the 63rd (2/Northumbrian) Division was broken up in England (see Part 2B).

63rd (Royal Naval) DIVISION

1st R. NAVAL BDE.

1 Sept. '14...Commodore W. Henderson (interned in Holland, 9/10/14).
11 Nov. '14...Br.-Gen. D. Mercer.

On 2/8/15 the Bde. became

1st BDE.

[11 Nov. '14]...Br.-Gen. D. Mercer.
28 May '16...Br.-Gen. C. L. McNab (sick, 21/6/16).
25 June '16...Lt.-Col. E. J. Stroud (acting).

On 2/7/16 the Bde. (less Staff) was broken up.

On 7/7/16 3rd (R. Marine) Bde.—with Staff of 1st Bde.—became

1st (R. NAVAL) BDE.

[25 June '16]...Lt.-Col. E. J. Stroud (acting).
16 July '16...Br.-Gen. R. E. S. Prentice.

On 19/7/16 1st (R. Naval) Bde. was numbered

188th BDE.

[16 July '16]...Br.-Gen. R. E. S. Prentice.
16 Dec. '17...Br.-Gen. J. F. S. D. Coleridge.
[29 Nov. '18...Br.-Gen. H. Nelson].

2nd R. NAVAL BDE.

1 Sept. '14...Commodore O. Backhouse.

In July 1915 the Bde. was broken up.

On 2/8/15 the Bde. was reformed and became

2nd BDE.

[27 Oct. '14]...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman* (sick, 20/9/15).
20 Sept. '15...Lt.-Col. E. J. Stroud (acting).
1 Oct. '15...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman (sick, 13/11/15).
19 Nov. '15...Lt.-Col. E. J. Stroud (acting).
26 Jan. '16...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman.
21 May '16...Lt.-Col. L. Wilson (acting).
27 May '16...Br.-Gen. L. F. Philips.

On 7/7/16 the 2nd Bde became

2nd (R. NAVAL) BDE.

[27 May '16]...Br.-Gen. L. F. Philips.

On 19/7/16 2nd (R. Naval) Bde. was numbered

189th BDE.

[27 May '16]...Br.-Gen L. F. Philips.
30 Oct. '17...Br.-Gen. J. F. S. D. Coleridge.
16 Dec. '17...Br.-Gen. A. M. Asquith (sick, 28/2/18).
28 Feb. '18...Commander B. H. Ellis (acting).
1 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. H. F. Kirkpatrick (acting).
6 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. H. N. Bray (wd., 12/3/18).
13 Mar. '18...Lt.-Col. H. F. Kirkpatrick (acting).
19 Mar. '18...Br.-Gen. H. D. De Pree.
24 Aug. '18...Commander W. M. Egerton (acting).
3 Sept. '18...Br.-Gen. B. J. Curling.

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* From Royal Marine Bde. (p. 119).

ROYAL MARINE BDE.

6 Aug. '14...Maj.-Gen. E. L. McCausland.
25 Aug. '14...Br.-Gen. Sir G. G. Aston.
24 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. A. Paris.
29 Sept. '14...Lt.-Col. C. McN. Parsons (acting).
5 Oct. '14...Colonel A. E. Marchant (acting).
27 Oct. '14...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman.

On 2/8/15 the 4 R. Mar. Bns. were reformed in 2 Bns., Chatham/Deal and Portsmouth/Plymouth; the 2 Bns. were then transferred to the reformed 2nd Bde. and R. Marine Bde. then ceased to exist.

3rd (ROYAL MARINE) BDE.

(On 22 May 1916, on arrival in France, the Bde. was reformed.)

22 May '16...Lt.-Col. E. J. Stroud (acting).
25 May '16...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman.

On 7/7/16 3rd (R.M.) Bde.—with Staff of 1st Bde.—became 1st (R. Naval) Bde.

190th BDE.

(The 4 Bns. to form this Bde.—3 from U.K. & 1 in France—were collected in France between 9/7–21/8/16. The Bde. then replaced 3rd R. Mar. Bde.)

9 July '16...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman (sick, 13/9/16).
13 Sept. '16...Lt.-Col. R. J. I. Hesketh (acting).
15 Sept. '16...Lt.-Col. A. R. H. Hutchison (acting).
2 Oct. '16...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman (sick, 5/10/16).
5 Oct. '16...Lt.-Col. R. J. I. Hesketh (acting).
6 Oct. '16...Lt.-Col. A. R. H. Hutchison (acting).
17 Oct. '16...Br.-Gen. C. N. Trotman.
24 Oct. '16...Br.-Gen. Hon. C. J. Sackville-West (wd., 29/10/16).
29 Oct. '16...Br.-Gen. W. C. G. Heneker.
8 Dec. '16...Lt.-Col. E. P. C. Boyle (acting).
12 Dec. '16...Lt.-Col. R. J. I. Hesketh (acting).
18 Dec. '16...Br.-Gen. H. W. E. Finch.
4 June '17...Lt.-Col. J. S. Collings-Wells (acting).
10 June '17...Lt.-Col. E. F. E. Seymour (acting).
18 June '17...Lt.-Col. J. S. Collings-Wells (acting).
20 June '17...Br.-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchison.
6 June '18...Br.-Gen. W. B. Lesslie.

63RD (ROYAL NAVAL) DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1918

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions and attached Units	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Medium	Artillery: Trench Mortar Bties.: Heavy	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	M.G. Units	Field Ambulances	Mobile Vety. Sec.	Divnl. Emplnt. Coy.	Divnl. Train
1914 October (Antwerp)	1st R. NAVAL[2] 2nd R. NAVAL[2] R. MARINE[3]	1st (Drake), 2nd (Hawke), 3rd (Benbow), 4th (Collingwood) 5th (Nelson), 6th (Howe), 7th (Hood), 8th (Anson) 9th (Chatham), 10th (Portsmouth), 11th (Plymouth), 12th (Deal)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	R.E. Detnt.[4]	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1915 April (Gallipoli)	1st (R. NAVAL)[5] 2nd (R. NAVAL)[5] 3rd (R. MARINE)[6]	Drake, Nelson, Deal[16] Howe, Hood, Anson Chatham, Portsmouth, Plymouth	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.[7]	...	...	R.N.D.S.A.A. Coln.[8]	...	...	...	No. 1 Coy.[9] No. 2 Coy.[9]	R.N.D.[9]	...	Armoured Motor M.G. Sqdn.[10]	No. 1[9] No. 2[9] No. 3[9]	19th[11]	...	R.N.D.[12]
1915 June (Gallipoli)	1st (R. NAVAL)[13] 2nd (R. NAVAL)[14; 15] 3rd (R. MARINE)[15]	Drake, Hawke,[17] Benbow,[18] Nelson Collingwood,[19] Howe, Hood,[20] Anson Chatham,[21] Portsmouth,[22] Plymouth,[23] Deal[16; 21]	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.	...	...	R.N.D.S.A.A. Coln.	...	...	...	No. 1 Coy. No. 2 Coy.	R.N.D.	...	...	No. 1 No. 2 No. 3	19th	...	R.N.D.
1915 August (Gallipoli)	1st[13] ..... 2nd[14; 15]	Drake, Hawke, Nelson, Hood[20] Howe, Anson; Chatham & Deal;[21; 25] Portsmouth & Plymouth[22; 26]	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.	...	...	R.N.D.S.A.A. Coln.	...	...	...	No. 1 Coy. No. 2 Coy. No. 3 Coy.[23]	R.N.D.	...	...	No. 1 No. 2[24] No. 3	19th	...	R.N.D.
1915 September (Gallipoli)	1st 2nd	Drake, Hawke, Nelson, Hood Howe, Anson, 1/R.M.,[25] 2/R.M.[26]	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.	...	...	R.N.D.S.A.A. Coln.	...	...	...	No. 1 Coy. No. 2 Coy. No. 3 Coy.	R.N.D.	...	...	No. 1 No. 2 No. 3	19th	...	R.N.D.
1916 March (Ægean)	1st[27] ..... 2nd[28]	Drake, Hawke, Nelson, Hood Howe, Anson, 1/R.M., 2/R.M.	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.[29]	...	...	R.N.D.S.A.A. Coln.[29]	...	...	...	No. 1 Coy.[29] No. 2 Coy.[29] No. 3 Coy.[30]	R.N.D.[29]	...	...	No. 1[31] No. 2[29] No. 3[29]	19th[32]	...	R.N.D.[33]
1916 May (France)	1st (R. NAVAL)[34; 41; 54] 2nd (R. NAVAL)[37; 55] 3rd (R. MARINE)[41]	Drake,[35] 1/Hood,[36] 2/Hood[36] Hawke,[34; 38] Nelson,[34; 39] Howe;[40; 41] 2nd (R. Naval) Bde. M.G. Coy.[45] Anson,[42] 1/R.M.,[43] 2/R.M.[44]	R.N.D. Cyclist Coy.[46]	1/IV Home Counties[47] (H.)	1/4/Kent (H.), 1/5/Kent (H.)	1/IV Home Cties. (H.)[47] B.A.C.	...	...	...	1st R.N.[48] 2nd R.N.[48] 3rd R.N.[48]	R.N.D.[49]	14/Worc.[50] (P.)	...	1st (R.N.)[51] 2nd (R.N.)[51] 3rd (R.N.)[51]	53rd[52]	...	R.N.D.[53]

(France)	[illegible] 2nd (R. NAVAL) [illegible] d (R. MARINE)[illegible]	Hawke,[illegible] Nelson,[illegible] Howe;[illegible] 2nd (R. Naval) Bde. M.G. Coy.[illegible] Anson,[illegible] 1/R.M.,[illegible] 2/R.M.[illegible]	Coy.[illegible]	Counties[illegible] (H.)		Cties. (H.)[illegible] B.A.C.				3rd R.N.[illegible]		(P.)		2nd (R.N.)[illegible] 3rd (R.N.)[illegible]			
1916 July (France)	188th[illegible]; 189th[illegible] ....; 190th[illegible]	Howe,[illegible]; Anson,[illegible] 1/R.M.,[illegible] 2/R.M.;[illegible] 188th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[illegible] 188th T.M. Bty.[illegible]; Drake,[illegible] Hawke,[illegible] Nelson,[illegible] Hood;[illegible]; 189th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[illegible]; 189th T.M. Bty.[illegible]; 7/R.F.,[illegible] 4/Bedf.,[illegible] 10/R.D.F.,[illegible] 1/1/H.A.C.;[illegible] 190th Bde. M.G. Coy.;[illegible] 190th T.M. Bty.[illegible]	...	CCXXIII[illegible]... CCCXV[illegible] .... CCCXVI[illegible] ... CCCXVII[illegible]...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C	...	X 63[illegible] Y.63[illegible] Z.63[illegible]	V 63[illegible]	63rd D.A.C.[illegible]	1st R.N. 2nd R.N. 3rd R.N.	63rd[illegible]	14/ Worc. (P.)	...	1st (R.N.) 2nd (R.N.) 3rd (R.N.)	53rd	...	63rd[illegible]
1917 June (France)	188th ..... 189th 190th	Howe,[illegible] Anson, 1/R.M., 2/R.M.; 188th M.G. Coy.; [illegible]; 188th T.M. Bty. Drake, Hawke, Nelson,[illegible] Hood; 189th M.G. Coy.;[illegible]; 189th T.M. Bty. 7/R.F., 4/Bedf., 10/R.D.F.,[illegible] 1/28/London;[illegible] 190th M.G. Coy.;[illegible] 190th T.M. Bty.	...	CCXXIII[illegible]... CCCXVII[illegible]...	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.63 Y.63 Z.63[illegible]	V.63[illegible]	63rd D.A.C.	247th[illegible] 248th[illegible] 249th[illegible]	63rd	14/ Worc. (P.)	223rd[illegible] M.G. Coy.	148th (R.N.)[illegible] 149th (R.N.)[illegible] 150th (R.N.)[illegible]	53rd	253rd[illegible]	63rd
1918 March (France)	188th ..... 189th 190th	Anson, 1/R.M.,[illegible] 2/R.M.;[illegible] 188th T.M. Bty. Drake, Hawke, Hood; 189th T.M. Bty. 7/R.F., 4/Bedf., 1/28/London; 190th T.M. Bty.	...	CCXXIII .... CCCXVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.63[illegible] Y.63[illegible]	...[illegible]	63rd D.A.C.	247th 248th 249th	63rd	14/ Worc. (P.)	No. 63 Bn.,[illegible] M.G.C.	148th (R.N.) 149th (R.N.) 150th (R.N.)	53rd	253rd	63rd
1918 May (France)	188th ..... 189th 190th	Anson, R.M.,[illegible] 2/R. Ir. Regt.;[illegible] 188th T.M. Bty. Drake, Hawke, Hood; 189th T.M. Bty. 7/R.F., 4/Bedf., 1/28 London; 190th T.M. Bty.	...	CCXXIII .... CCCXVII	A, B, C; D (H.) A, B, C; D (H.)	...	X.63 Y.63	...	63rd D.A.C.	247th 248th 249th	63rd	14/ Worc. (P.)	No. 63 Bn., M.G.C.	148th (R.N.) 149th (R.N.) 150th (R.N.)	53rd	253rd	63rd

NOTES

[1] The R.N. Div. was formed in England in Sept. 1914. On 29/4/16 the R.N. Div. was transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office (Authy.—79/8954 (S.D.2), d/d. 29/4/16); and on 19/7/16 the R.N. Div. became 63rd (R.N.) Div. (A.C.I. No. 1363, d/d. 8/7/16).

[2] The 2 Royal Naval Bdes. were formed in August & September 1914 and concentrated near Deal. On 5/10/14 the 2 Bdes. disembkd. at Dunkirk, reached Antwerp that night, and returned to Dover on 11/10/14.

[3] The R. Mar. Bde. was formed in Aug. 1914, landed at Ostend on 27/8/14, returned to Deal on 31/8/14. R. Mar. Bde. re-embkd. on 19/9/14, disembkd. at Dunkirk on 20/9/14, reached Cassel on 30/9/14, and arrived at Antwerp on 3/10/14. On 11/10/14 R. Mar. Bde. returned from Ostend to England. (For R.M.A. Bn, see General Notes.)

[4] R.E. Detnt. (Capt. E. H. Rooke, with 1 offr., 4 N.C.O.s, & 28 sappers) with 1 ton of explosives, means of ignition, tools, and stores, reached Dunkirk with R. Mar. Bde. on 20/9/14, and Antwerp on 3/10/14.

[5] The 2 Bdes. embkd. at Avonmouth on 28/2 & 1/3/15, reached Lemnos on 17/3/15, and disembkd. at Port Said on 26 & 27/3/15. Began re-embkn. on 12/4/15, reached Skyros on 16/4/15, demonstrated in Gulf of Xeros on 25/4/15; and on 26/4/15 began landing at Cape Helles.

[6] R. Mar. Bde. (H.Q. & Chatham and Plymouth Bns.) embkd. at Devonport on 6/2/15, reached Lemnos on 24/2/15, engaged at Kum Kale and Sedd el Bahr on 4/3/15. On 12/3/15 Bde. was reformed at Lemnos, with Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth Bns.; Deal Bn. was transferred to 1st Bde. 3rd Bde. reached Port Said on 27/3/15; Bde. re-embkd. on 7/4/15, reached Lemnos on 11 & 12/4/15; reinforced Anzac Corps at Kaba Tepe from 28/4/15 until 12/5/15. On 13/5/15 the Bde. rejoined R.N. Div. and went into the line at Cape Helles on 25/5/15.

[7] Formed in England and went to Gallipoli with R.N. Div.

[8] S.A.A. Coln. joined Div. at Port Said on 26/3/15.

[9] Joined Div. in England and went to Gallipoli with R.N. Div.

[10] Joined Div. at Lemnos on 17/3/15, was engaged with Div. at Anzac and Gallipoli in April and May 1915.

[11] Vety. Sec. joined Div. at Port Said on 31/3/15.

[12] Train consisted of 275 & 279 Cos., A.S.C.; the 2 Cos. joined the Div. at Port Said on 26/3/15.

[13] On 2/8/15 the Bde. became 1st Bde.

[14] In July 1915 the Bde. was broken up. On 2/8/15 the Bde. was reformed, amalgamated with R. Mar. Bde., and became 2nd Bde.

[15] On 30/5/15 each Bn. was reorganized in 3 Cos. On 2/8/15 2nd Naval and R. Mar. Bdes. amalgamated and became 2nd Bde.

[16] On 30/5/18 Deal Bn. rejoined R Mar. Bde. and was then reorganized in 3 Cos.

[17] On night 28/29/5/15 Bn. landed at Cape Helles and joined 1st Bde.

[18] On night 30/31/5/15 Bn. landed at Cape Helles and joined 1st Bde. On 9/6/15 Bn. was disbanded and absorbed by the other R.N. Bns.

[19] On night 29/30/5/15 Bn. landed at Cape Helles and joined 2nd Bde. On 9/6/15 Bn. was disbanded and absorbed by the other R.N. Bns.

[20] On 2/8/15 Bn. was transferred to 1st Bde.

[21] Chatham & Deal Bns. amalgamated on 27/7/15, and joined 2nd Bde. on 2/8/15.

[22] Portsmouth & Plymouth Bns. amalgamated on 27/7/15, and joined 2nd Bde. on 2/8/15.

[23] Coy. joined the Div. at Blandford; was left behind to complete its training, and rejoined Div. in Gallipoli.

[24] On 5/8/15 No. 2 Fd. Ambce. left Gallipoli for Mudros.

[25] On 12/8/15 Chatham & Deal Bn. was renamed 1st Bn., R.M.

[26] On 12/8/15 Portsmouth & Plymouth Bn. was renamed 2nd Bn., R.M.

[27] After the Evacuation of Helles the Bde. concentrated at Mudros on 9 & 10/1/16. Between 19/1–15/2/16 Drake and Hawke Bns. went to Imbros. On 20/1/16 Hood Bn. went to Tenedos, and on 22/2/16 Hood (less 1 Coy.) returned to Mudros.

[28] After the Evacuation of Helles the Bde. concentrated at Mudros on 9 & 10/1/16. Between 20–22/2/16 Bde. moved to Stavros (Greece)—40 miles E. of Salonika.

[29] These Units concentrated at Mudros on 9 & 10/1/16.

[30] This Fd. Coy. went to Stavros on 20/2/16.

[31] This Fd. Ambce. went to Stavros on 22/2/16.

[32] On 18/2/16 the Sec. was transferred to 42nd (E. Lanc.) Div.

[33] 275 (H.T.) Coy. left the Div. at Mudros and was transferred to H.Q. Base, M.E.F. 279 (H.T.) Coy. went to France and joined 31st Div. Train on 15/3/16.

[34] After arrival in France, in May 1916, the Bde. was reorganized and Hawke & Nelson Bns. were transferred to 2nd Bde. On 7/7/16 the 3rd Bde. became 1st Bde. (The old 1st Bde. was broken up on 2/7/16.)

[35] Drake disembkd. at Marseille on 20/5/16.

[36] Hood disembkd. at Marseille on 20/5/16. On 1/6/16 Hood was divided to form nucleus of two Bns.—1/Hood & 2/Hood. The 2 Bns. were reamalgamated on 5/7/16 and became Hood Bn.

[37] After arrival in France, in May 1916, Bde. was reorganized. On 5/7/16 it was again reorganized and then consisted of:—

Drake, Hawke, Nelson, and Hood Bns.

[38] Hawke disembkd. at Marseille on 23/5/16.

[39] Nelson disembkd. at Marseille on 22/5/16.

[40] Howe disembkd. at Marseille on 12/5/16. Howe Bn. was transferred to 3rd Bde. on 3/7/16 (also see note 41).

[41] On 22/5/16 the Bde. was reformed at Vieulaine (on the Somme, N. of Airaines). On 7/7/16 the 3rd Bde. became 1st Bde.

[42] Anson disembkd at Marseille on 19/5/16.

[43] 1/R.M. disembkd. at Marseille on 19/5/16.

[44] 2/R.M. disembkd. at Marseille on 12/5/16.

[45] On 28/5/16 2nd Bde. M.G. Coy. was formed in France—personnel was found by Hawke, Nelson, and Howe Bns.

[46] The Cyclist Coy. disembkd. on 23/5/16 at Marseille (from Mudros). In June 1916 the Coy. was broken up in the concentration area.

[47] Bde. (2, 4.5" How. Bties. & B.A.C.)—formerly part of the 44th (Home Cties.) Div. Arty.—disembkd. at le Havre on 10/3/16, joined R.N. Div. in France by 9/6/16, and on 24/6/16 was numbered CCXXIII (H.); and 1/4/Kent (H.) Bty. then became A (H.) and 1/5/Kent (H.) Bty. became B (H.). On 18/7/16 A (H.)/CCXXIII became D (H.)/CCCXVIII; on 26/7/16 B (H.)/CCXXIII became D (H.)/CCCXVI, and the B.A.C. was absorbed in the D.A.C. (On 31/7/16 CCCXVIII was renumbered CCXXIII —see note 65.)

[48] The Fd. Cos. disembkd. at Marseille: 1st on 22/5/16; 2nd on 20/5/16; and 3rd on 23/5/16.

[49] The Sig. Coy. disembkd. at Marseille on 23/5/16.

[50] Bn. disembkd. at le Havre on 21/6/16 and joined Div. at Bruay on 23/6/16.

[51] The Fd. Ambces. disembkd. at Marseille: 1st on 20/5/16; and 2nd & 3rd on 23/5/16.

[52] The Sec. came from Woolwich; it disembkd. at le Havre on 31/5/16, arrived at Rouen on 2/6/16, left Rouen on 17/6/16, and joined Div. at Bruay on 18/6/16.

[53] The Train (H.Q. & 4 Cos.) joined the Div. at Mudros, prior to embkn. for France. The Train disembkd. at Marseille between 20–23/5/16; went to Abbeville for completion; and rejoined the Div. by 14/6/16. The 4 Cos. were numbered 761, 762, 763, & 764 Cos., A.S.C.

[54] On 19/7/16 1st Bde. was numbered 188th (see note 1).

[55] On 19/7/16 2nd Bde. was numbered 189th (see note 1).

[56] On 6/7/16 a new Bde. was ordered to be formed as 3rd Bde., R.N. Div. (notes 41 and 34). On 8/7/16 the Bde. Cdr. learned at the War Office that the new 3rd Bde. would be numbered 190th Bde. The Bde. completed its formation (with the Div.) between 29/6–21/8/17.

[57] This S.R. Bn. was at Falmouth on 8/7/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 24/7/16, and joined Bde. on 27/7/16.

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[58] This S.R. Bn. was at Felixstowe on 8/7/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 25/7/16, and joined Bde. on 27/7/16.

[59] The Bn. was at Dublin on 8/7/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 19/8/16, and joined Bde. on 21/8/16.

[60] Bn. went to France on 18/9/14; served in 8th, 7th, 85th, & 7th Bdes., in 3rd Div., from 10/11/14–14/10/15, when Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops. On 9/7/16 Bn. joined 190th Bde. and served in the Bde. until 29/6/17, when Bn. was transferred to G.H.Q. Troops. On 25/9/18 Bn. joined 4th Gds. Bde., and served with 4th Gds. Bde. until 25/10/18; Bn. was then transferred to G.H.Q. Troops until the Armistice. On 5/1/19 Bn. reached Cologne Bridgehead and came under Second Army.

[61] Coy. left Grantham on 31/7/16, disembkd. at le Havre on 1/8/16, arrived at Barlin on 4/8/16, and was allotted to 188th Bde. Coy. left the Div. for the Base on 17/5/17.

[62] 2nd Naval Bde. M.G. Coy. (note 45) was numbered 189th on 19/7/16. Coy. left the Div. for the Base on 15/5/17.

[63] Coy. disembkd. at le Havre on 5/9/16, detrained at Barlin on 7/9/16, and joined 190th Bde.

[64] Bde. Light T.M. Bties. were formed:

188th—1st Light T.M. Bty. at Bajus on 6/7/16, became 188th on 21/7/16;

189th—2nd Light T.M. Bty. by 5/7/16, became 189th on 21/7/16;

190th—3rd Light T.M. Bty. on 14/6/16, became 190th on 25/7/16.

[65] CCCXVIII Bde. (formerly in 63rd, 2/Northb'n., Div.), disembkd. at le Havre on 3/7/16 and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16; Bde. consisted of A, B, & C Bties. (12 18-pdrs.). On 18/7/16 1/4/Kent (H.) Bty. joined from 1/IV/Home Cties. (H.) Bde. (n. 47), and became D (H.)/CCCXVIII. On 19/7/16 number of Bde. was changed to CCXXV, and on 31/7/16 Bde. was renumbered CCXXIII. On 31/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: R. Sec. A/CCCXVI joined and made up A; L. Sec. A/CCCXVI made up B; and L. Sec. B/CCCXVI made up C, to 6, 18-pdrs. each. On 24/1/17 L. Sec. D (H.)/CCCXV joined D (H.)/CCXXIII and made up Bty. to 6 hows.

[66] CCCXV Bde. (formerly in 63rd, 2/Northb'n., Div.) disembkd. at le Havre on 3/7/16 and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16; Bde. consisted of A, B, C, and D (H.) Bties. (12, 18-pdrs. & 4, 4.5" hows.). On 31/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: C was broken up and R. Sec. made up A and L. Sec. made up B to 6, 18-pdrs. each. On 18/11/16 525 (H.) Bty. joined and became C (H.). On 24/1/17 D (H.) was broken up: L. Sec. D (H.) joined D (H.)/CCXXIII and R. Sec. D (H.)/CCCXV joined D (H.)/CCCXVII and made up Bties. to 6 hows. each. On 11/2/17 C (H.) became D (H.)/CCCXV, and R. Sec. C (H.)/CCCVIII (from 61st Div.) joined and made up D (H.) to 6 hows.; and A/CCLX (from 51st Div.) joined Bde., and became C/CCCXV; Bde. then became an A.F.A. Bde.

[67] CCCXVI Bde. (formerly in 63rd, 2/Northb'n., Div.) disembkd. at le Havre on 3/7/16 and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16; Bde. then consisted of A, B, & C Bties. (12, 18-pdrs.). On 26/7/16 1/5/Kent (H.) Bty. joined from 1/IV/Home Cties. (H.) Bde. (n. 47) and became D (H.)/CCCXVI. On 30–31/8/16 CCCXVI was broken up: A and L. Sec. B joined CCXXIII and made up A, B, & C/CCXXIII to 6, 18-pdrs. each (n. 65); R. Sec. B made up C/CCCXVI to 6 guns and C/CCCXVI then became C/CCCXVII; and D (H.)/CCCXVI became D (H.)/CCCXVII.

[68] CCCXVII Bde. (formerly in 63rd, 2/Northb'n., Div.) disembkd. at le Havre on 3/7/16 and joined R.N. Div. on 5/7/16; Bde. then consisted of A, B, & C Bties. (12, 18-pdrs.). On 31/8/16 Bde. was reorganized: C was broken up and R. Sec. made up A, and L. Sec. made up B to 6, 18-pdrs. each; C/CCCXVI (made up to 6 guns by R. Sec. B/CCCXVI) joined CCCXVII and became C/CCCXVII; and D (H.)/CCCXVI also joined and became D (H.)/CCCXVII. On 24/1/17 R. Sec. D (H.)/CCCXV joined D (H.)/CCCXVII and made up Bty. to 6 hows.

[69] The 3 Medium T.M. Bties. joined the Div. on 5/7/16.

[70] On 29/7/16 1, 9.45" Heavy T.M. arrived, and the formation of a Heavy T.M. Bty. was ordered.

[71] D.A.C. (formerly in 63rd, 2/Northb'n., Div.) disembkd. at le Havre on 4/7/16, and joined R.N. Div. on 12/7/16.

[72] On 19/7/16 Coy. was numbered 63rd (see note 1).

[73] On 19/7/16 the Train was numbered 63rd (see note 1).

[74] Between 6–28/2/18 Bn. was drafted and disbanded; drafts went to Anson, 1/R.M., 2/R.M., and 7/Entg. Bns.

[75] 223rd M.G. Coy. left Grantham 25/4/17, disembkd. at Boulogne 28/4/17, joined Div. 2/5/17, and was posted to 189th Bde. on 8/5/17. On 12/6/17 Coy. was transferred to 188th Bde., and was renumbered 188th M.G. Coy.

[76] Between 8–23/2/18 Bn. was drafted and disbanded; drafts went to Drake, Hood, and 7/Entg. Bns., and surplus went to the Base.

[77] 224th M.G. Coy. left Grantham 25/4/17, disembkd. at Boulogne 25/4/17, joined Div. 29/4/17, and was posted to 188th Bde. on 8/5/17. On 12/6/17 Coy. was transferred to 189th Bde., and was renumbered 189th M.G. Coy.

[78] On 22/6/17 Bn. left 190th Bde., 63rd Div., and joined 48th Bde., 16th Div. On 13/2/18 Bn. went to VII Corps Rft. Depot, and was disbanded on 15/2/18.

[79] Bn. went to France on 27/10/14, formed part of G.H.Q. Troops until 28/6/17, when Bn. joined 190th Bde.

[80] On 1/2/17 the 3 Fd. Cos. were transferred to the Corps of R.E.; and on 18/2/17 the Fd. Cos. were numbered 247th, 248th, and 249th.

[81] 223rd M.G. Coy. was formed on 6/8/17 at Camiers (M.G. Corps Base Depot). From 6/8–6/9/17 Coy. trained at Camiers; on 7/9/17 Coy. joined 63rd Div. at St. Aubin and became Divnl. M.G. Coy.

[82] On 19/7/17 the Fd. Ambces. were numbered 148th (R.N.), 149th (R.N.), and 150th (R.N.). (Authy. A.C.I. No. 1064 of 3/7/17.)

[83] Coy. was formed by 2/7/17.

[84] On 29/4/18 1/ & 2/R.M. amalgamated and became R. Marine Bn.

[85] On 2/2/18 Z was broken up and distributed to X and Y.

[86] On 2/2/18 V Heavy T.M. Bty. was broken up and the personnel posted to X and Y.

[87] On 1/3/18 M.G. Bn. was formed; it consisted of 188th, 189th, 190th, and 223rd M.G. Cos.

[88] Bn. served in 8th Bde., 3rd Div., until 24/10/14, in 4th Div. until 22/5/16, in 22nd Bde., 7th Div., until 14/10/16, in 49th Bde., 16th Div., until 23/4/18, when Bn. joined 188th Bde., 63rd (R.N.) Div.

63RD (ROYAL NAVAL) DIVISION

GENERAL NOTES

The following Units also served with the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division :—

Commander C. R. Samson's Detnt. (400 Naval & Marine ratings—chiefly Officers and Chief Petty Officers, R.N.R.—with motor-cars and 6 aeroplanes) was at Morbecque and at the Aviation Ground, Dunkirk; from 20/9–3/10/14 the Detnt. was attached to R. Marine Bde.

MOUNTED TROOPS—1/Q.O.O. Hsrs. disembkd. at Dunkirk on 22/9/14 and served with R.N. Div. from 29/9–3/10/14; the Regt. was then transferred & came under Base Cdt., Dunkirk.

ARTILLERY—525 (H.) Bty. (4, 4.5" Hows.) disembkd. at le Havre on 11/11/16, left le Havre on 15/11/16, and joined CCCXV on 18/11/16 (note 66).

INFANTRY—R.M.A. Battalion served with R. Marine Bde. until the Bde. returned from Ostend on 31/8/14; it was then replaced by the Deal Bn.

1/4/K.S.L.I. went to India with 44th (Home Cties.) Div. on 30/10/14, disembkd. at Rangoon on 10/12/14, and on 10/2/15 reached Singapore (with 1 Coy. at Hong Kong from 5/4/15). Bn. left Singapore on 14/4/17 and on 29/7/17 reached le Havre (via Ceylon, Durban, Cape Town, Plymouth, and Southampton). Bn. left le Havre on 17/8/17 and joined 190th Bde., 63rd Div., at Maroeuil on 18/8/17. Bn. served with 190th Bde. from 18/8/17–4/2/18, and was then transferred to 56th Bde., 19th Div.

2/2/London
2/4/London

the two Bns. disembkd. at Malta on 31/12/14 and served there until August 1915. **2/2/London** disembkd. at Helles on 13/10/15 and joined 2nd Bde., R.N. Div., on 14/10/15; **2/4/London** disembkd. at Helles and joined 1st Bde., R.N. Div., on 15/10/15. The two Bns. served with the R.N. Div. until the Evacuation of Helles on 8/9/1/16; then they went to Alexandria (21/1/16) and were attached to the 53rd Div. The 2 Bns. disembkd. at Marseille (24/4/16) and went to Rouen. By mid-June 1916 both Bns. had been broken up and drafted.

OTHER UNITS—Sanitary Section arrived and joined R.N. Div. at Port Said on 30/3/15. This Sanitary Section did not return to France in May 1916 with R.N. Div.

63rd Sanitary Section was formed on 31/5/16 in R.N. Div. (personnel was furnished by 3rd (R.N.) Fd. Ambce.) and the Section served with 63rd (R.N.) Div. until 8/4/17; the Section then left the Div. and took over a First Army Sanitary Area.

On 28/2/18 the reorganization of the 63rd (R.N.) Division on a 9-battalion basis was completed; and on 28/2/18 the pioneer battalion (14/Worc.) was reorganized on a 3-company basis.

63RD (ROYAL NAVAL) DIVISION

FORMATION, BATTLES, AND ENGAGEMENTS

The Royal Naval Division had no existence before August 1914; but the idea of assembling one dated from before the opening of the Great War. The Admiralty realized that on mobilization there would be 20–30,000 men of the Reserves of the Royal Navy for whom there would not be room on any ship of war. This surplus personnel would be sufficient to form two naval Brigades and a Brigade of Marines, available either for Home Defence or for any special purpose.

On the outbreak of the Great War the Royal Marine Brigade (4 battalions—R.M.A., Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth) was formed at once, and on the 27th August the Brigade landed at Ostend. Meanwhile the two Royal Naval Brigades were assembling and forming around cadres, consisting of petty officers of the Navy, instructors and sergeants of the Royal Marines, and a sprinkling of retired regular army officers. As they were formed, the eight battalions concentrated at Walmer and Betteshanger. Khaki clothing could not be provided for the naval ratings; consequently, when the men embarked for the Antwerp expedition they were still wearing their pocketless blue jumpers, and 80% went to Belgium without an issue of haversacks, mess tins, or waterbottles. Even the re-arming of the two brigades with charger-loading rifles was only completed three days before leaving for Antwerp. Although the Royal Naval Division remained under the Admiralty until April 1916 (when it was transferred to the War Office) yet, from the outset, it was wisely decided to adopt army organization for this division. But, for the Antwerp expedition, no artillery, no engineers (except Captain Rooke's detachment, see Table and note 4), no signal company, no field ambulances, and no train were available.

On the 31st August the R. Marine Bde. returned from Ostend to England, and the R.M.A.Bn. was then replaced by the Deal Bn. On the 19th September the Brigade re-embarked (2,200 strong) and on landing at Dunkirk it found there 97 London Motor Omnibuses to transport its ammunition and stores. The R. Marine Bde. reached Cassel on the 30th, and it detrained at Antwerp during the night of the 3rd/4th October. By this time, however, the outer ring of forts had already fallen and bombardment of the trenches had begun.

Orders reached Walmer at 4 a.m. on Sunday the 4th October that the two Royal Naval Bdes. were to embark that day at Dover. The means of intercommunication were limited; each battalion had only one bicycle and the horses of the mounted officers were withdrawn during the march to Dover; cases of cycles were, however, drawn at Dover, but it was only on the 8th that the machines could be unpacked and fitted up. The two R. Naval Bdes. began embarkation at 10 p.m. on the 4th, at 10 a.m. on Monday the 5th they disembarked at Dunkirk, at 8 p.m. the same day they left for Antwerp in two troop trains and a store train; and at 2.30 a.m. on the 6th October the two R. Naval Brigades reached Antwerp and joined the R. Marine Bde. in the defence of the beleagured fortress. The Royal Naval Division then took part in the following operation:—

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6–9 October ... ... **Defence of Antwerp** (Royal Naval Division; but R. Mar. Bde. since 4/10/14).

During the afternoon of the 6th October the 1st R. Naval Bde. reinforced the right of the R. Marine Bde.; during that night (6th/7th), however, the R.N. Division retired and occupied the trenches of the 2nd Line of Defence between Forts 1–8, with the right flank resting on the right bank of the Schelde: the 1st R. Naval Bde was on the left, the 2nd R. Naval Bde. on the right, and the R. Marine Bde. in reserve.

About m/n on the 7th/8th bombardment opened on the forts, trenches, and city; by 6 p.m. on the 8th Forts 1, 2, and 4 had fallen and, the situation having become hopeless, the retirement from Antwerp became unavoidable. That night the withdrawal began; the R.N. Division crossed the Schelde and marched to St. Gilles Waes. On the 9th the Division began entraining for Ostend, except about 1,500 men (chiefly belonging to the 1st R. Naval Bde. and under the Commander of that brigade) who failed to get through, crossed the Dutch frontier on the 9th, and were interned in Holland. The rest of the R.N. Division re-embarked at Ostend and reached Dover on the 11th October. The Antwerp expedition was over. The Division now settled down in England to make good its losses, complete its equipment and its training, and prepare for its next adventure.

For a time the two R. Naval Brigades were scattered about the country, wherever accommodation was available, whilst the four R. Marine battalions went to their various headquarters. So far no field artillery could be allotted to the Division; but engineer units were formed at Walmer, and a Naval Depot (which would also act for the whole division) was opened at the Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, the requirements of the Fleet necessitated constant demands on the Division for the supply of certain ratings, all the stokers were in one company of a battalion and they were all recalled at the same time to Naval Service. By the end of the Dardanelles Campaign very few ratings with sea service still remained in the Division. This drain was peculiar to the R.N. Division and it added considerably to the difficulties of organization and training.

On the 27th November 1914 the Division began to move to an area around Blandford.

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By the end of January the move to the Blandford area was completed, the R. Marine Bde. being the last to arrive. The R.N. Division, however, was still very scattered; and it is quite true to say that, in a peaceful area, the Division was never concentrated before it reached France in 1916. Nevertheless units pushed ahead as rapidly as possible with their war training and soon the improvement in their fighting efficiency became very marked.

On the 6th February R. Marine Bde. Hd. Qrs. and the Chatham and Plymouth Bns. embarked at Devonport and they reached Lemnos on the 24th February. On the 18th February orders reached Blandford for the rest of the Division to be ready to follow the R. Marine Bde. At 11.30 a.m. on the 24th the Division was inspected by H.M. the King, and on the 28th it marched to Blandford Station to entrain for Avonmouth, leaving behind Hawke, Benbow, and Collingwood Bns. and the 3rd Fd. Coy. R.E., to complete their training. The six transports sailed on the 1st March and at 5.30 a.m. on the 19th they arrived off the western shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula. On the previous day the great naval attack on the Straits had failed; so the transports were diverted to Port Said, and by the 29th March the Division completed its disembarkation in Egypt. Here it was informed that it was to take part in the land assault of the Gallipoli Peninsula. On the 5th April the units started to re-embark, and on the 8th the transports began to leave for Mudros, each ship having a tow of lighters.

The R.N. Division then took part in the Gallipoli Campaign and was engaged in the following operations:—

25 & 26 April ... ... **Demonstration in the Gulf of Xeros** (R.N. Div.–less Anson and Plymouth Bns.).

BATTLES OF HELLES AND ANZAC

25 & 26 April ... ... **The Landing at Cape Helles** (Anson and Plymouth Bns.) [29th Div.].

28 April ... ... **First Battle of Krithia** (2nd R.N. Bde., and Drake and Plymouth Bns.) [R.N. Div.].

1 and 2 May ... ... **Eski Hissarlik** (2nd R.N. Bde., and Drake and Plymouth Bns.) [R.N. Div.].

6–8 May ... ... **Second Battle of Krithia** (2nd R.N. Bde., under General d'Amade; and Drake and Plymouth Bns., under Composite Division*).

28 April–12 May ... ... **Defence of Anzac** (3rd R. Mar. Bde. (less Plymouth Bn.), and Nelson and Deal Bns.) [1st Aus. Div., until 1/5; then N.Z. & A. Div., Anzac Corps].

2 May ... ... **The Chessboard** (3rd R. Mar. Bde. (less Plymouth Bn.), and Nelson and Deal Bns.) [Anzac Corps.]

4 June ... ... **Third Battle of Krithia** (R.N. Div.) [VIII Corps].

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7–Night 8/9 January **Evacuation of Helles** (R.N. Div.) [VIII Corps].

After the evacuation, the Division at first went to Mudros; and between the 19th January and the 20th February Drake and Hawke Bns. went to Imbros, Hood Bn. to Tenedos, and the 2nd Brigade (with No. 3 Field Company and No. 1 Field Ambulance) to Stavros. Whilst the Division was on garrison duty in the Ægean, reinforcements arrived to replace the wastage incurred in the Gallipoli Campaign.

In April it was decided to bring the troops to France and the Division was then transferred from the Admiralty to the War Office (see Table, note 1). During May the move from the Ægean to France was carried out, and between the 12th–23rd May the units all disembarked at Marseille (see Table and notes). After arrival in France the Division was completed with Artillery, Trench Mortars, Machine Guns, and Train (see Table), and on the 19th July the Division received a number and henceforward became the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division, and the Infantry Brigades were numbered 188th, 189th, and 190th. For the remainder of the Great War the 63rd (R.N.) Division served on the Western Front in France and Belgium and was engaged in the following operations:—

BATTLES OF THE SOMME

13–15 November ... ... **Battle of the Ancre** [V Corps, Fifth Army].

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20 Jan.–27 Feb. ... ... **Operations on the Ancre** [II Corps, Fifth Army].

17 & 18 February ... **Miraumont** [II Corps, Fifth Army].

BATTLES OF ARRAS

23 & 24 April ... ... **Second Battle of the Scarpe** [XIII Corps, First Army].

28 & 29 April ... ... **Battle of Arleux** [XIII Corps, First Army].

BATTLES OF YPRES

26 Oct.–5 Nov. ... ... **Second Battle of Passchendaele** [XVIII Corps, Fifth Army].

30 & 31 Dec. ... ... **Welch Ridge** [V Corps, Third Army].

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* For Composite Division, see Appendix 4.

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FIRST BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 March ... ... **Battle of St. Quentin** [V Corps, Third Army].
24 & 25 March ... ... **First Battle of Bapaume** [V Corps, Third Army].
5 April ... ... **Battle of the Ancre** [V Corps, Third Army].

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SECOND BATTLES OF THE SOMME

21–23 August ... ... **Battle of Albert** [IV Corps, Third Army].

SECOND BATTLES OF ARRAS

2 & 3 September ... **Battle of the Drocourt-Quéant Line** [XVII Corps, Third Army].

BATTLES OF THE HINDENBURG LINE

27 Sept.–1 Oct. ... ... **Battle of the Canal du Nord** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
8 October ... ... **Battle of Cambrai** [XVII Corps, Third Army].
8 October ... ... **Capture of Niergnies.**

THE FINAL ADVANCE IN PICARDY

7 November ... ... **Passage of the Grande Honnelle** [XXII Corps, First Army].

On the 8th November the Division advanced rapidly; by 10 p.m. on the 9th its foremost troops were east of the Mons–Maubeuge road, and on the 10th the Mons–Binche railway was reached. The Mons–Givry road was the divisional objective for the 11th; the advance started early, and by 11 a.m., when the Armistice brought hostilities to a close, divisional headquarters had opened at Harveng.

On the 13th November the Division was informed that it would not accompany the force selected to advance into Germany; on the 15th it was transferred from the XXII Corps to the VIII Corps. On the 17th the Army of Occupation advanced and passed through the outpost line and the divisional outposts were withdrawn. On the 26th the Division began to move back towards Valenciennes.

On the 5th December H.M. the King visited the Division; and during this month miners and key-men left for demobilization. During January 1919 the Division dwindled steadily. By the end of the month a total of 3875 had been demobilized and this number had swollen to 7047 by the end of February. Thus the Division shrunk to cadre, and in April 1919 its eventful career came to an end. During the Great War the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division lost 47,953 killed, wounded, and missing.

APPENDIX I.

AUGMENTATION OF THE ARMY.

FORMATION AND STORY OF THE ORIGINAL FOURTH NEW ARMY, 1914–1915.

The first mention of the original Fourth New Army occurs in Army Order 389 issued on the 14th September 1914. This Order stated that, on formation, the Fourth New Army would consist of the 27th–32nd Divisions. But, before the time came to carry this out, it was found that the battalions withdrawn from the overseas garrisons in India, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Egypt, together with one Territorial Force battalion (5/Royal Scots), would form three additional regular divisions—27th, 28th, and 29th—consequently the numbering of the divisions to form the Fourth New Army had to be changed.

On the 8th October 1914 instructions were issued that each Reserve and Extra Reserve battalion of the Infantry of the Line should form a Service battalion, provided that the parent battalion was not thereby reduced to a strength below 1,500 all ranks. In this way it was expected that the necessary number of Service battalions could be raised for the Fourth New Army. These Service battalions were to remain in Coast Defences until accommodation for them could be provided at the new training centres, and a War Office letter of the 25th October gave the composition of the eighteen brigades which were to form the infantry of the six divisions of the Fourth New Army. This letter was followed in November 1914 by an Army Order (20/3551) which stated that approval had been given for the further addition to the Army of a Fourth New Army of six divisions (30th–35th). This Order gave the full organization and composition of the six new divisions and detailed all the units. The infantry brigades were to be formed in Coast Defences and to remain there until they received orders to move to training centres.*

On the 19th November the composition of the infantry of the Fourth New Army was cancelled and another substituted (actually the alterations only affected the three infantry brigades of the 30th Division). At the same time it was notified that brigadiers would shortly be appointed to all the infantry brigades of the Fourth New Army.**

On the 5th December the training centres were selected for the field artillery and infantry of the divisions: two divisions would be in hutted camps at Cannock Chase, and the other four divisions at Prees Heath (Shropshire), Oswestry, Rhyl, and Clipstone (Notts.). The heavy batteries and their ammunition columns would remain at Woolwich, the field companies and signal companies would be assembled at Buxton and Shrewsbury, and the field ambulances at Llandrindod Wells.

On the 16th January 1915 it was notified that the number of field companies in each division would be raised from two to three.*** The immediate and direct consequence of this alteration was that the 30th–35th Divisions lost all their field companies, as the twelve on their establishment were ordered to be transferred to

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*This Army Order never received a number and never got beyond proof stage. As there was no likelihood of the Army Order being issued, on 19/2/15 an order was given that the type should be distributed.

**The brigadiers, with the dates of their appointment, are shown on the Tables (1A–1F) with their brigades.

***20/Engineers/4940—A.G.1.

corresponding divisions (21st–26th) of the Third New Army to complete the new numbers. This transfer was carried out early in February (see Tables and notes, Appendices 1A–1F). It was intended to raise three new field companies for each of the six divisions of the Fourth New Army, but this had not been done before the divisions were broken up in April 1915.

The principal reason for the dispersal of the six divisions (30th–35th) was the urgent need to provide trained reinforcements for the eighteen divisions of the first three New Armies when they took the field.

In consequence of this need for trained reinforcements, a decision was reached on the 10th April 1915 that the service battalions of the Fourth New Army should be reconstituted as reserve battalions, and used for providing and training reinforcements; henceforward they would be known as 2nd-reserve battalions. The infantry brigades would become Reserve Infantry Brigades and be renumbered—1st–18th (see Tables and notes given in Appendices 1A–1F). In this way terminated, in England, the brief life of the original Fourth New Army and its six divisions (30th–35th).

The lack of officers and trained instructors, as well as the shortage of guns, rifles, horses, transport, equipment, and uniforms which had been experienced by nearly all the divisions of the first three New Armies (see Narratives in Part 3A), were naturally felt in increasing severity by all the six divisions of the original Fourth New Army. Even in April 1915 they were still in an elementary stage of training, due entirely to these deficiencies. Indeed on the 10th April, when these six divisions disappeared, though infantry brigade staffs had been appointed in each division, no divisional commanders, no staff officers, either "G" or "Q", no divisional artillery commanders had been selected; four C.R.E.s,* however, had been appointed.

The six divisions, even at the end of their service, were little more than a collection of eighteen infantry brigades, composed largely of men who were still recruits for all practical purposes, and recruits who were not even armed with modern weapons; the artillery, signal companies, field ambulances, and trains were in a no more advanced state of preparation for war. It is not difficult to appreciate the wisdom of the decision to break up these six divisions, to use certain of the units to complete other divisions,** and to turn the infantry brigades and battalions into reserve formations for providing the reinforcements which would soon be so urgently needed.

After the original Fourth New Army had been broken up the Fifth New Army became the Fourth New Army, and its six divisions (37th–42nd) were renumbered (30th–35th).***

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*The four divisions and their C.R.E.s were as follows: 31st Division (Lt.-Col. S. C. Babington), 32nd Division (Lt.-Col. C. W. Davy), 33rd Division (Lt.-Col. P. J. J. Radcliffe), and 34th Division (Major A. E. Panet).

**See Tables and notes (Appendices 1A–1F).

***See Appendix 2.

30TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Heavy Battery	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
1914 December (England)	89th[2] ..... (Br.-Gen. H. P. Leach—4/12/14) 90th[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. A. J. A. Wright—28/11/14) 91st[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. F. C. Godley—7/12/14)	15/N.F., 11/Gr. How., 16/D.L.I., 17/D.L.I. 13/W. York., 9/E. York., 11/K.O.Y.L.I., 11/Y. & L. 9/Linc., 11/Duke's, 14/Sher. For., 14/Manch.	30th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXVIII[6]; [6] ... CXIX[5]; [6] ..... CXX[6]; [6] ..... CXXI (H.)[6]; [6]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C(H.), D (H.)	CXVIII B.A.C. CXIX B.A.C. CXX B.A.C. CXXI (H.) B.A.C.	30 H.B. & Hy. Bty. A.C.	30th D.A.C.	97th[7] 98th[7]	30th	...	90th[8] 91st[8] 92nd[8]	30th

On 10/4/15 the 30th Division was broken up.

NOTE—The composition of the Infantry Brigades is the amended composition of 19/11/14 (p. 131).

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 30th Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up; the three infantry brigades of the 30th Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward the 12 Service battalions became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

[1] The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[2] On 10/4/15 89th Bde. became 1st Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 90th Bde. became 2nd Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 91st Bde. became 3rd Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] The Bdes. were raised to form 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D.

[6] After the break-up of the 30th Div., CXIX, CXX, & CXXI (with existing personnel) joined 38th (Welsh) Div. in England, and went to France with 38th Div.—CXXI (H.) became an 18-pdr. brigade. (CXVIII (How.) Bde. was formed at Woolwich on 16/2/15—see General Notes, 11th Div., Part 3A, p. 21.)

[7] On 30/1/15 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to 21st Div. at Chesham.

[8] In November 1915 the three Fd. Ambces. joined the new 32nd Div. (formerly 39th Div.).

31st DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY					Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Heavy Battery	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.					
	Brigades	Battalions		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.			Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.			
1914 December (England)	92nd[2] ..... (Br.-Gen. G. H. C. Colomb—1/12/14) 93rd[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. W. H. H. Waters—1/12/14) 94th[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. J. R. M. Dalrymple-Hay —28/11/14)	14/K.R.R.C., 15/K.R.R.C., 14/R.B., 15/R.B. 9 Queen's, 9/Q.O.R.W.K., 14/Middx., 15/Middx. 10/Norf., 10/Suff., 9/Bedf., 11/L.N.L.[5]	31st Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXXII[6]; [7] ..... CXXIII[6]; [8] ... CXXIV[6]; [9] .... CXXV (H.)[6]; [9]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXXII B.A.C. CXXIII B.A.C. CXXIV B.A.C. CXXV (H.) B.A.C.	31 [New] H.B.[9] & Hy. Bty. A.C.	31st D.A.C.	99th[10] 100th[10]	31st	...	93rd[11] 94th[11] 95th[11]	31st

On 10/4/15 the 31st Division was broken up.

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 31st Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up; the three infantry brigades of the 31st Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward the 12 Service battalions became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

[1] The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[2] On 10/4/15 92nd Bde. became 4th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 93rd Bde. became 5th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 94th Bde. became 6th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] On 28/11/14 11/L.N.L. replaced 12/Essex (to 106th Bde., 35th Div.).

[6] The Bdes. were raised to form 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D.

[7] After the break-up of the 31st Div., CXXII (with existing personnel) joined 38th (Welsh) Div. in England. Bde. then became a 4.5" How. Bde., and it went to France with 38th Div.

[8] In April 1915, CXXIII, CXXIV, & CXXV (H.), with existing personnel, joined the new 37th Div., and went to France with 37th Div. (CXXV became an 18-pdr. Bde.) The Bdes. disembkd. in France in July 1915.

[9] 31 [New] Hy. Bty. was renumbered 132 Hy. Bty.* 132 Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre (with 60 pdrs.) on 21/3/16, and joined IX H.A.G on 31/3/16.

[10] In Feb. 1915 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to the 22nd Div.

[11] On 27/11/15 the three Fd. Ambces. joined the new 31st Div. (formerly 38th Div.) at Larkhill.

* 31 Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (4, 60-pdrs.) was serving with the 4th Div. at the outbreak of the Great War; in Aug. 1914 the 31 Hy. Bty. went to France. 31 Hy. Bty. rejoined the 4th Division on 9/9/14 in France.

31st Div. (formerly 38th Div.) at Larkhill.

* 31 Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (4, 60-pdrs.) was serving with the 4th Div. at the outbreak of the Great War; in Aug. 1914 the 31 Hy. Bty. went to France. 31 Hy. Bty. rejoined the 4th Division on 9/9/14 in France.

32ND DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	Infantry: Brigades	Infantry: Battalions	Mounted Troops	Artillery: Field Artillery: Brigades	Artillery: Field Artillery: Batteries	Artillery: Field Artillery: Bde. Ammn. Colns.	Artillery: Heavy Battery	Artillery: Divnl. Ammn. Coln.	Engineers: Field Cos.	Signal Service: Divnl. Signal Coy.	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
1914 December (England)	95th[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. G. A. Mills—1/12/14) 96th[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. J. E. W. S. Caulfeild—30/11/14) 97th[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. F. P. English—30/11/14)	9/Buffs, 14/R.F., 15/R.F., 10/E. Surr. 10/Leic.,[5] 13/Hants., 9/O. & B.L.I., 9/R. Berks. 12/R. War.,[6] 13/R. War., 10/R. Suss., 13/H.L.I.	32nd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXXVI[7];[8] .... CXXVII[7];[9] ... CXXVIII[7];[9] . CXXIX (H.)[7];[9]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C(H.), D (H.)	CXXVI B.A.C. CXXVII B.A.C. CXXVIII B.A.C. CXXIX (H.) B.A.C.	32 H.B. & Hy. Bty. A.C.	32nd D.A.C.	101st[10] 102nd[10]	32nd	...	96th[11] 97th[11] 98th[11]	32nd

On 10/4/15 the 32nd Division was broken up.

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 32nd Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up; the three infantry brigades of the 32nd Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward the 12 Service battalions became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[3] On 10/4/15 95th Bde. became 7th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 96th Bde. became 8th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 97th Bde. became 9th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] Bn. was transferred from 97th Bde. on 12/12/14.

[6] Bn. was transferred from 96th Bde. on 12/12/14.

[7] The Bdes. were raised to form 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were lettered—A, B, C, D.

[8] After the break-up of the 32nd Div., CXXVI (with existing personnel) in April 1915 was transferred to the new 37th Div. in England. Bde. became a 4.5" How. Bde., and went to France with 37th Div. in July 1915.

[9] CXXVII, CXXVIII, & CXXIX (H.) Bdes. were never formed. In Aug. 1915, however, the numbers were used for three Howitzer Brigades which were formed for the 4th, 8th, and 27th Divisions.

[10] On 1/2/15 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to the 23rd Div. at Aldershot.

[11] In June 1915 the 3 Fd. Ambces. joined the new 32nd Div. (formerly 39th Div.); on 2/11/15 the 3 Fd. Ambces. were transferred to the new 30th Div. (formerly 37th Div.), and they served with the 30th Div. for the remainder of the Great War.

33RD DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY					Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Heavy Battery	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.					
	Brigades	Battalions		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.			Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.			
1914 December (England)	98th[2] ..... (Br.-Gen. J. M. Gordon—7/12/14) 99th[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. P. Holland—5/12/14) 100th[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. H. D. McIntyre—1/12/14)	9/Som. L.I., 12/Worc., 13/Worc., 13/Sher. For. 10/K.O., 10/E. Lanc., 10/S. Staff., 10/N. Staff. 11/Devon., 11/E. Surr., 14/H.L.I.,[5] 14/A. & S.H.[5]	33rd Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXXX[6] ..... CXXXI[6] ..... CXXXII[6] ..... CXXXIII (H.)	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C(H.), D (H.)	CXXX B.A.C. CXXXI B.A.C. CXXXII B.A.C. CXXXIII (H.) B.A.C.	33 H.B. & Hy. Bty. A.C.	33rd D.A.C.	103rd[7] 104th[7]	33rd	...	99th[8] 100th[8] 101st[8]	33rd

On 10/4/15 the 33rd Division was broken up.

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 33rd Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up; the three infantry brigades of the 33rd Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward 10 of the 12 Service battalions (see note 5) became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

[1] The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[2] On 10/4/15 98th Bde. became 10th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 99th Bde. became 11th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 100th Bde. became 12th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] These two battalions had not joined 100th Bde. by 10/4/15. 14/H.L.I. and 14/A. & S.H. joined 120th Bde., 40th Div., and served in France with 40th Div.

[6] The Bdes. were to be raised as 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were to be lettered—A, B, C, D.*

[7] In Feb. 1915 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to the 24th Div.

[8] By Oct. 1915 the three Fd. Ambces. had joined the new 33rd Div. (formerly 40th Div.).

*NOTE:

Actually the four Fd. Arty. Bdes. were not formed. After the 33rd Div. had been broken up the numbers were used for Bdes. formed for the 28th, 3rd Canadian, 29th, and 11th Divisions. (CXXX, CXXXI, & CXXXII, were formed between 8/9/15–8/3/16; CXXXIII was formed at el Ferdan between 26/4–31/5/16 for the 11th Division.)

el Ferdan between 26/4-31/5/16 for the 11th Division.)

34TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY					Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Heavy Battery	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.					
	Brigades	Battalions		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.			Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.			
1914 December (England)	101st[2] ..... (Br.-Gen. S. B. Jameson—4/12/14) 102nd[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. R. B. Fell—29/11/14) 103rd[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. G. de S. De Lisle—28/11/14)	12/Sco. Rif., 11/B.W., 10/Sea. H., 8/Cam. H. 14/R.S., 9/K.O.S.B., 7/Dorset., 8/Wilts. 16/R.F., 14/W.York., 9/D.C.L.I., 8/Northn.	34th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXXXIV[5] ..... CXXXV[5] ..... CXXXVI[5] ..... CXXXVII (H.)[5]	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXXXIV B.A.C. CXXXV B.A.C. CXXXVI B.A.C. CXXXVII (H.) B.A.C.	34 H.B. & Hy. Bty. A.C.	34th D.A.C.	105th[6] 106th[6]	34th	...	102nd[7] 103rd[7] 104th[7]	34th

On 10/4/15 the 34th Division was broken up.

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 34th Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up; the three infantry brigades of the 34th Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward the 12 Service battalions became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

[1] The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[2] On 10/4/15 101st Bde. became 13th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 102nd Bde. became 14th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 103rd Bde. became 15th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] The Bdes. were to be raised as 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were to be lettered—A, B, C, D. (Actually the brigades were never formed.)

[6] In Feb. 1915 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to the 25th Div.

[7] Between 8–10/11/15 the three Fd. Ambces. joined the new 34th Div. (formerly 41st Div.).

35TH DIVISION [1]

ORDER OF BATTLE, 1914-1915

Dates	INFANTRY		Mounted Troops	ARTILLERY					Engineers	Signal Service	Pioneers	Field Ambulances	Divnl. Train
				Field Artillery			Heavy Battery	Divnl. Ammn. Coln.					
	Brigades	Battalions		Brigades	Batteries	Bde. Ammn. Colns.			Field Cos.	Divnl. Signal Coy.			
1914 December (England)	104th[2] ..... (Br.-Gen. M. Q. Jones—9/12/14) 105th[3] ..... (Br.-Gen. C. M. Brunker—1/12/14) 106th[4] ..... (Br.-Gen. E. H. Rodwell—29/11/14)	12/R.W.F., 9/S.W.B., 12/Welsh, 9/K.S.L.I. 15/King's, 16/King's, 14 Ches., 10/S. Lanc 10/Bedf., 11/Glouc., 12/Essex,[5] 13/A. & S.H.	35th Div. Cyclist Coy.	CXXXVIII[6]... CXXXIX[6] .... CXL[6]..... CXLI (H.)[6] ...	A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A, B, C, D A (H.), B (H.), C (H.), D (H.)	CXXXVIII B.A.C. CXXXIX B.A.C. CXL B.A.C. CXLI (H.) B.A.C.	35 [New] H.B.[7] & Hy. Bty. A.C.	35th D.A.C.	107th[8] 108th[8]	35th	...	105th[9] 106th[9] 107th[9]	35th

On 10/4/15 the 35th Division was broken up.

The formation of the Fourth New Army was approved in an Army Order issued in November 1914, and the units of the 35th Division began to form forthwith. On the 10th April 1915 the divisions of the Fourth New Army were broken up: the three infantry brigades of the 35th Division became Reserve Infantry Brigades, and henceforward the 12 Service battalions became 2nd-reserve battalions and were used for training recruits and providing reinforcements.

NOTES

[1] The formation of the Division was approved on 5/11/14. On 10/4/15 the Division was broken up in England.

[2] On 10/4/15 104th Bde. became 16th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[3] On 10/4/15 105th Bde. became 17th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[4] On 10/4/15 106th Bde. became 18th Reserve Inf. Bde.

[5] On 28/11/14 12/Essex replaced 11/L.N.L. (to 94th Bde., 31st Div.).

[6] The Bdes. were to be raised as 4-battery brigades; each battery was to be a 4-gun battery; and in each brigade the batteries were to be lettered—A, B, C, D. (Actually the brigades were never formed.)

[7] 35 [New] Hy. Bty. was renumbered 133 Hy. Bty.* In England 133 Hy. Bty. was attached to 32nd. Div. (p. 23). 133 Hy. Bty. disembkd. at le Havre (with 60-pdrs.) on 27/5/16, and joined XLVIII H.A.G. on 29/5/16.

[8] On 30/1/15 the two Fd. Cos. were transferred to the 26th Div.

[9] By Oct. 1915 the three Fd. Ambces. had joined the new 35th Div. (formerly 42nd Div.).

* 35 Hy. Bty., R.G.A. (4, 60-pdrs.) was serving with the 2nd Div. at the outbreak of the Great War; in Aug. 1914 the 35 Hy. Bty. went to France with the 2nd Div.

APPENDIX 5.

MARSHAL FOCH'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND—NOVEMBER 1928.

"I saw beneath the surface of the tragic events that we know by the name of the Battle of the Somme. I knew that the task set the Ulster Division was an impossible one, but there are moments in war when it is necessary to attempt the impossible for reasons that are not visible on the surface.

"The attack of the Ulster Division on the Somme, in that terrible July of twelve years ago, was such a moment. I saw something of the operations, and nothing moved me more than the sublime heroism of those men of Ulster.

"The task set them was impossible, but they came nearer to achieving the impossible, in my opinion, than any other body of men I have ever seen. They gave their lives freely; by the sacrifice, they made possible the great victory we are celebrating this week-end.

"When the moment of silence comes, my mind goes back over the whole battle front as I knew it at different periods; but outstanding is the vision that rests with me of those immortal men of your Ulster Division as they faced death in its ugliest form, because they had grasped the grim truth that their sacrifice was required to lay the foundation of our subsequent victories.

"I do not know of any troops on the Somme who suffered more than the Ulster Division, and yet when they had emerged from their Calvary their morale was as high as ever it had been; and, had we given the word, those men would have gone into the fray again determined to conquer or die."

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PART 1.

PAGE 29. *Note* 17. After 3/9/15 add (from 16th Div. Arty.).

PAGE 34. *Under 2nd Brigade.* The last 2 entries should read:
26 Sept. '18...Lt.-Col. D. G. JOHNSON (acting).
5 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. G. C. KELLY.
,, *Under 3rd Brigade.* The last entry should read:
6 Oct. '18...Br.-Gen. E. G. ST. AUBYN.

PAGE 37. *Note* 12, *1st line.* 29/3/15 should read, 24/3/15.

PAGE 42. *Under 99th Brigade.* The first entry should read:
[19 Dec. '14]...Br.-Gen. R. O. KELLETT.

PAGE 45. *Note* 9. 15/12/15 should read, 20/12/15.
,, *Note* 33. Add: Attached to 66th Div., 16/7–7/11/17.

PAGE 50. *Under 76th Brigade.* The first entry should read:
[21 July '15]...Br.-Gen. E. ST. G. PRATT.

PAGE 53. *Note* 13. After to add, 63rd Bde.,
,, *Note* 16. After to add, 62nd Bde.,
,, *Note* 17. 2/3/15 should read 25/11/14.
,, *Note* 21. 10/2/16 should read, 15/4/16.

PAGE 61. *Note* 9, *line* 2. 21/5/15 should read, 29/5/15.

PAGE 66. *Under 14th Bde.*, seventh entry. Crompton should read Compton.

PAGE 67. *Under entry* against **2/R. Innis. F.**
30/12/15 should read 24/12/15.

PAGE 69. *Note* 29, *line* 2. Delete all the note after A/CCC; and substitute,
joined XXVIII from 60th Div., and became A/XV on 21/1/17;
A/CXXVI joined XXVIII and became A/XXVIII.

PAGE 70. *Under* 1916. Battles of the Somme.
add as second entry,
29 July ... Capture of Longueval [XV Corps, Fourth Army].

PAGE 85. *Note* 18. After the date add, (from 16th Div.).
,, *Note* 19, *line* 2. Alter 24/1/16 to 29/1/16.

PAGE 89. *Under B.-G., R.A.* add these two entries:
25 Mar., 1918...Br.-Gen. E. S. HOARE NAIRNE (tempy.).
27 Mar., 1918...Br.-Gen. J. W. F. LAMONT.

PAGE 93. *Note* 16, *line* 2. in Jan. 1916 should read, joined on 5/3/16.

PAGE 95. *Under* 1918. In the entry dealing with the Battle of the Aisne, delete the last square bracket and full stop, and add, until 29/5; then Fifth (French) Army].

PAGE 107. *Under Artillery.* Add this additional entry at end:
Heavy Arty. Bde., R.G.A. (71st & 121st Hy. Bties.) left Woolwich on 13/2/15, disembkd. at le Havre on 15/2/15, and joined 28th Div. on 17/ & 18/2/15. Hy. Arty. Bde. left 28th Div. on 6/4/15 and became **IX Hy. Arty. Bde., R.G.A.**

PAGE 109. *Note* 48. Add at end of note:
366 joined CCLXVIII (74th Div.) on 11/9/17.

PAGE 112. *April* 1920, *Column* 3, *2nd line.* Russel's should read, Russell's.

PART 2A.

PAGE 44. *Under* 1914, *Column* 3 add in Devon & Cornwall Bde., after 4/D.C.L.I., 5/D.C.L.I.*

PAGE 45. *Note* 14, *line* 2. 25/6/17 should read, 18/8/17.

PAGE 46. *General Notes.* Add at end:
NOTE.—For service in India, 5/D.C.L.I. was replaced by 6/Devon.; but part of 5/D.C.L.I. was used to complete 4/D.C.L.I. for service overseas.

PAGE 51. *Note* 20, *line* 7. After reached add, le

PAGE 57. *Note* 4, *line* 2. 25/6/17 should read, 18/8/17.
" *Note* 5, *line* 2. Delete 25/6/17 and rest of note. Substitute:
20/8/17. The Bn. was disbanded 3–13/8/18.

PAGE 93. *Under B.-G., R.A.* After the entry dated 17 Mar. 1918 add:
22 Mar. 1918...Br.-Gen. E. S. HOARE NAIRNE (tempy.).

PAGE 100. *Under* 1918. In the entry dealing with the Battle of the Aisne, delete the last square bracket and full stop, and add:
until 29/5; then Fifth (French) Army].

PAGE 105. *Note* 30, *line* 2. D(H.) should read, C(H.)
" *Note* 43, *line* 11. C/LXXXI should read, C/LXXXVI.

PAGE 131. *Under* 1915. Last line delete full stop and add:
; 162nd Bde. also went on 30/12/15.
" *Under* 1916. In second line, after, Cairo; add:
162nd Bde. rejoined on 1/2/16,

PAGE 137. *Note* 57, *line* 1. 2/5/L.N.L. should read 4/5/L.N.L.

PAGE 142. *Under 2nd London Bde.* Delete last entry, dealing with 9 Sept. '14, and substitute these two entries:
9 Sept. '14...Colonel C. MATTHEY (acting).
21 Sept. '14...Br.-Gen. W. C. G. McGRIGOR.

PAGE 145. *Note* 40, *line* 1. 23/3/15 should read, 23/3/16.
" " *line* 2. 30/5/15 should read, 30/5/16.
" *Note* 52, *line* 2. 11th should read, 30th.

PART 2B.

PAGE 21. *Note* 41, *line* 3. 15/6/18 should read, 19/6/18.

PAGE 37. *Note* 33. 52nd Bde., 17th Div. should read, 103rd Bde., 34th Div.

PAGE 53. *Note* 34, *Line* 5. Delete reference to D(H.), and substitute:
D(H.) did not go to France.

PAGE 62. *Under* 1915 (*August*) *3rd Column, line* 3 (of units) 2/6/Soc. Rif. should read,
2/6/Sco. Rif.

PAGE 72. *1st Column, eleventh entry*
6/York. should be, 6/Gr. How.
" *4th Column, eighteenth line*
opposite to entry of 7/Sher. For.
15/6 should be, 19/6

PAGE 79. *Under* 1918, *December*, 214*th Bde.*
1/4/Buffs. should read, 4/Buffs. (R.);
" and
1/4/R.W.F. should read, 4/R.W.F. (R.).

PAGE 80, *Note* 40, *line* 1. Delete Special and after Reserve add, T.F.

PART 3A.

PAGE 147. *Note* 12, *line* 3. 17/11/15 should read, 20/11/15.